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REPLICA WORLD CUP FETCHES astronomical auction amount

A replica of the Jules Rimet Trophy, the original World Cup, was auctioned at Sothebys in London on the weekend and fetched a staggering $550,000.

This trophy is made of base metal coated in gold and was made after the original was snatched from a public display in 1966, the year England won the World Cup.

A dog named 'Pickles' found the original under a bush in South London.

However it was stolen a second time in 1970, after Brazil won it outright. The solid gold trophy was believed to have been melted down.

NOVELL Canberra Cosmos strengthens side

Novell Canberra Cosmos have been boosted by the return of Michael Musitano after his season with Adelaide City.

The 23 year old should flourish under the astute coaching of Branko Culina, who is on a two year contract. The former Sydney United mastermind is also believed to be chasing the signature of several players interstate.

A number of local players are understood to be trialling with the Cosmos. If Culina continues with the Young Socceroos, perhaps one or two of will play for the capital city outfit.

Will Jason and Dean Culina, both talented players, move with the family to Canberra and sign with Novell Cosmos?

Dean is with the Olyroos squad and will almost certainly gain a place in the side for some of the matches planned by Raul Blanco.

One of the urgent tasks for the new season is the goalkeeping position. Last season's custodian, Danny Milosevic, who starred in Malaysia with the Young Socceroos, is trialling in Germany.

Paul Wade has moved into retirement and will be difficult to replace. Although 'Wadey' has not been lost to the game his guiding influence will be missed on the park.

Another $27 million man at Atletico Madrid

Atletico Madrid, the poor relation of the Spanish capital, have signed Juninho.

Last week it was Christian Vieri who joined the so called 'poor man's' club. Their neighbours Real, have always been regarded as the club of the rich.

Middlesbrough, relegated from England's Premier League, found it impossible to keep the little Brazilian master. After all, with demotion they stand to lose at least $10 million in television fees.

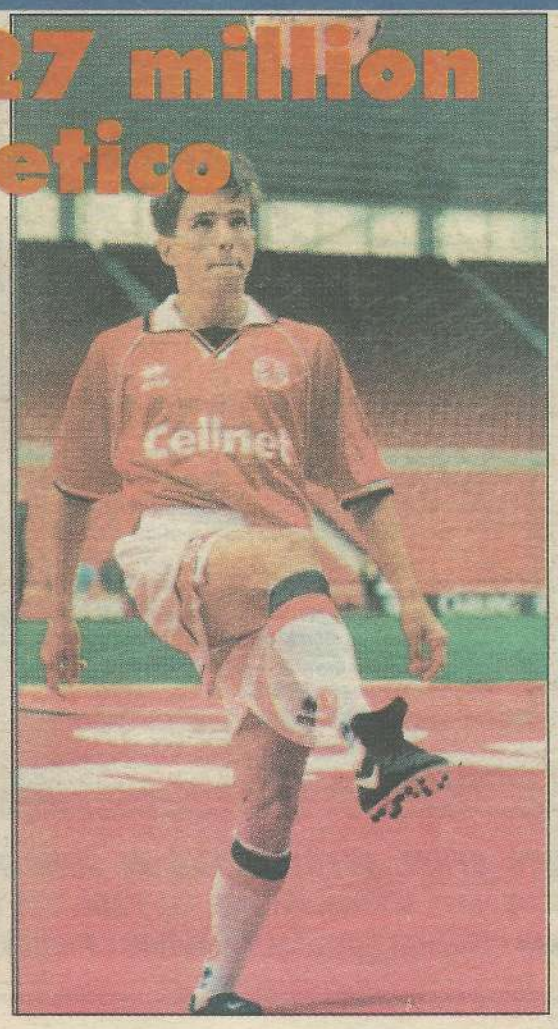
However, there is some small consolation for the North Eastclub, the transfer they received... a cool $27 million.

Juninho, the highly accomplished midfielder, showed his outstanding skills for Boro but to no avail as they lost their Premier League status. He felt a move to Spain would revive his flagging international calls.

So it's off to Spain, the sunshine and a more familiar language. He'll be leaving behind the cool, often grey and drizzling North East. Their accent often stuns English people, so you can imagine, what it does to a Brazilian!

Bryan Robson was a great player for Manchester United and England but he failed in his first venture in management, nevertheless, he continues as boss at Riverside Stadium.

On leaving Middlesbrough, Juninho claimed that dressing room disharmony was the chief cause of the their downfall. He claimed that "the club never got accustomed to playing in the Premier League."



Let Your Voice Be Heard

By BOB BROOKS

The flowing blonde locks of Matthew Bingley will no longer be seen at Marconi Stadium. As readers know he has moved to Japan, certainly pastures greener. Who can blame him?

With the potential to earn nearly one million dollars in just 18 months, that alone, invested wisely, could set him up financially for the rest of his life. However he is young enough to go on for six or seven more years after the end of his contract with Kobe. This period adding extra cream to his new found wealth.

At this stage, we cannot compete with those sizes of payments. The main things this country can offer are a terrific lifestyle, usually acceptable weather, cheap living and familiar language.

Attendances at individual Ericsson Cup games need to be 20,000 or more, television income ought to be in the hundreds of thousands, so that each club can expect a minimum of two million dollars a season from this source. Then we might be able to offer comparable packages.

Some people in the game would say: "Dream on". Well dream on or not those days will come, make no mistake.

The aussie rules hierarchy are more concerned with the growth of Soccer in Perth and Melbourne than about the faltering rugby league. However, until we can get Association football into the consciousness of a wider public through television news and popular radio stations, then we will lag behind the predominant sport Australia wide but more particular, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia by a long way.

To achieve this exposure in the electronic media will require a super human effort on behalf of vast numbers of people, all across the country.

The power of the 'vast numbers of people' involved with the World Game, will need to be mobilised to tell the recalcitrant radio and tv stations that you are dissatisfied. They do take notice of the viewers and listeners.

You can ring your local station and give your message to the person answering the phone. You have no need to leave your name, so your privacy is protected.

If, like some of the recent letter writers, you notice that Australian Soccer, is not getting a fair go, in your opinion, take the time to tell the offenders. Get your friends, fellow players, coaches, managers, committee persons, those involved in the game, to do the same. There are around 500,000 actively involved and that's a large proportion of the population.

If your fellow Soccerites don't read ABSW, and that can be because they know nothing about the paper or that their newsagent says they haven't heard of it, then lend your copy. We will publish telephone numbers to call on a regular basis, starting this week (see page 10).

It is amazing that in this day of worldwide communications and television pictures coming 'live' into our lounge rooms from all over the world, that there are still people who think that rugby league is as big as Soccer in Britain!

That sport is confined to parts of the northern counties of Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumberland. It is not played in any part of Scotland nor Wales nor Ireland. There are at least another 25 counties which hardly know the game exists.

Association Football is played across the length and breadth of Britain. It has its active participants as players or supporters from every strata of society, the 'well-off' and the not so, industrial workers to captains of great enterprises, shop assistants to owners of major store chains, young children to elderly citizens.

And that is just one part of the world, admittedly with a population of 60 million or so.

Now you may understand more fully why the millions of migrants to this most wonderful of countries are so stunned by the way that the World Game is shunned by our mass media.

It is time to stop mumbling to oneself, and to follow enlightened folks, and to take the matter up with the offending electronic media companies.

When a change of attitude is forced upon them, then Soccer will gain its rightful place ahead of aussie rules but most important of all, in front of rugby league.

Then we'll be able to match overseas player packages and those true Aussie sportsmen and women will have an option to going abroad. We will also be able to attract foreign born players to take up contracts in our national competition.

Chance to see Olympians

The World Youth Championships in Malaysia are over, preparation for the 2000 Olympics Football tournament is off and running. Raul Blanco, whose main task is Olympic Games coach, has some of the potential players in camp at the AIS in Canberra.

Last weekend they played a game against the South African Olympic Squad in the national capital.

Tomorrow, (Wednesday, July 16), the South Africans are in Campbelltown, NSW to play Macarthur Rams.

The game kicks off at 7:30pm at the Rams home ground. This well appointed and developing facility at Lynnwood Park, Rangers Road, St Helens Park, welcomes the soccer fan. The reputation of their canteen is high.

Andy Vargas: VIS graduate now in Olyroo squad.

Billy Damianos: Can be seen in Wollongong on Saturday afternoon.

There is a 'gold coin donation' at the gate. The proceeds will go to Campbelltown Hospital, Children's Ward.

This game is preceded by the Rams U/18 side against the NSW Schoolboys. The NSW team are preparing for the nationals in Adelaide.

On Saturday, July 19, the action moves to Brandon Park, Wollongong where at 3pm the Olyroos again meet the South Africans. This is a top line international fixture featuring many of the Aussie players who beat the Argentines in Malaysia.

Sinozic, Emerton, Zelic, Baser, Grella, Damianos, Salapasidis, Curcija, and Bove all started in the magnificent 4-3 victory over the ultimate champions of the World's Youth.

The squad is:

Daniel Allsopp, Tansel Baser, Raphael Bove, Vince Colosimo, Dean Culina, Michael Curcija, Billy Damianos, John Didulica, Brett Emerton, Buddy Farah, Carlos Gonzalez, Vince Grella, Kostas Salapasidis, Yane Talcevski, Sebastian Sinozic, Andy Vargas, Ivan Zelic, Peter Zois.

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OLYROOS VICTORIOUS OVER PROTEAS

By GRAHAM COOKE

The Olyroos set their feet firmly on the path to Sydney 2000 with a solid, workmanlike 2-0 win over South Africa at Bruce Athletics Field on Saturday night.

It will be the first of many such games for the squad which will carry the standard for Australian Soccer at the home Olympics — in fact South African coach Mich D'Avray was moved to lament the paucity of his own team's build-up in comparison.

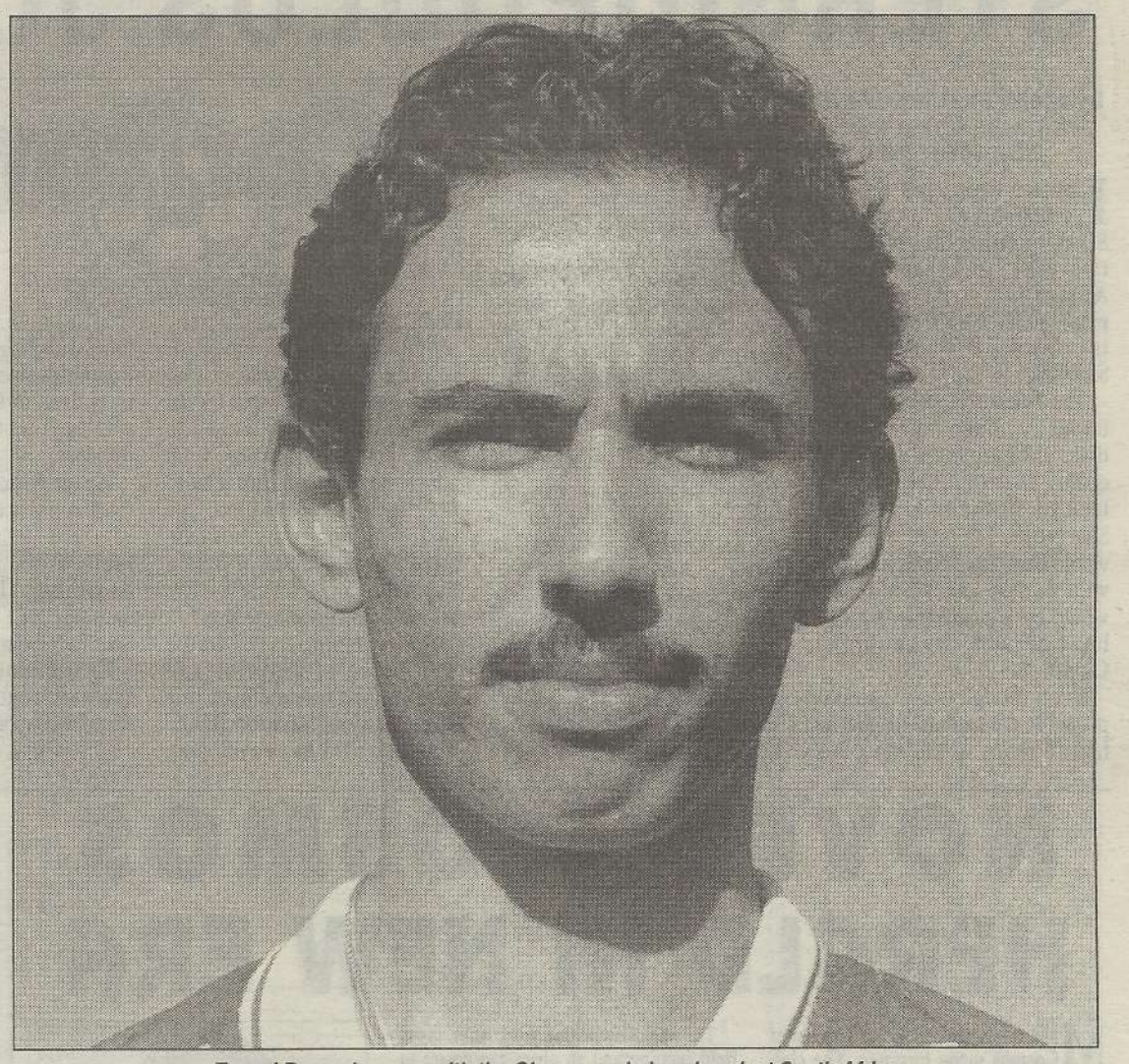
Olyroos: Zois, Farrah (Colosimo), Baser, Zelic, Grella, Sinozic, Emerton, Damianos, Gonzales (Talcevski), Vargas, Salapasidis (Allsopp).

South Africa: Roberts, Moshathebe (Shata), Carnell, Mokoema, Booth, Collett, Mhlath, Greyling, Fortune (Gulwa), Salmon (August), Hartley.

Scorers: OLYROOS: Emerton (33), Gonzalez (57).

Yellow cards: Olyroos: Emerton, Vargas. South AFRICA: Collett.

Referee: Ben Williams.



Tansel Baser: In camp with the Olyroos and played against South Africa.

Kostas Salapasidis: From the glamour of world headlines to the outer fields in Canberra.

But with no qualifying competition in which to hone its competitive edge, the Olyroos are going to need every moment of playing time in these friendly internationals.

Australian coach Raul Blanco said he was delighted by the way the squad had adapted from the steamy heat of Malaysia — where the majority were representing the Young Socceroos in the World Youth Championships — to Canberra's single-figure temperatures.

"We were very professional and got down to the job," he said.

Get down to it they did, with the hero of Kostas Salapasidis, racing on to a free kick from Vella Grella after 10 minutes. He probably met the ball too quickly, hurried his shot and put it wide.

The opening goal also came from a free kick, UTS Olympic's Brett Emerton rising high above two South African defenders to head home from Bill Damianos.

Quinton Fortune showed just why he is playing in Europe for Athletico Madrid when he tore holes in the Olyroos; left flank just before half time, sending a penetrating cross into the penalty area which Buddy Farrah was happy to hack away for a corner.

In the 57th minute it was virtually all over as Salapasidis found Carlos Gonzales who headed past goalkeeper Wayne Roberts for Australia's second.

There were few chances for either side after that, with the South African's flair continually blunted by a solid Olyroos' defence in which Ivan Zelic, captaining the team in front of his home-town crowd, playing a prominent role.

Blanco said the Australians improved as the match went on "especially when Emerton began to push forward more in the second half".

He expected a tougher game in Wollongong next week "because the cold weather has really worried the South Africans and they will have had that much longer to acclimatise."

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

STERGIOPOULOS JOINS CARLTON

By MARK STAVROULAKIS with assistance from BOB BROOKS

Former Gippsland Falcons midfielder, Marcus Stergiopoulos, has signed a two-year contract with Australia's first fully professional club Carlton. The transfer fee is believed to be $25,000.

The Falcons have been going through a rough trot in recent times and have lost a number of quality players, mainly due to a lack of financial resources. Stergiopoulos said that he would earn three times as much with Carlton and added that it would be impossible to get that level of monetary reward at Gippsland.

Even though Stergiopoulos played in the national league, he had to work to maintain his finances, which is the case with most players in Australia.

Marcus was educated in Sale and lived with his parents in Warruk until last year, when he moved to Traralgon because of Falcons commitments.

Stergiopoulos was not motivated simply by the money on offer, he also liked the way Carlton would run as a fully professional club. It is the first team committed to pay players 52 weeks a year.

Carlton is a club which demands instant success and wants to establish itself in the mainstream of Australian soccer.

"By training twice every day, you can imagine how fit and sharp our ball skills will be," he said. "Carlton is going to be one of the biggest and richest clubs in Australia, because of its professionalism."

With all the excitement of joining Carlton, he acknowledged a soft spot for the Gippsland team: "It is sad to leave the Falcons because I am a local boy and it means a lot to play for your local club," he said. "But this is my business and I had to consider it from a business point of view. The offer was too good to refuse."

Sponsorship is vital to the well being of any club and Carlton are fortunate in this respect having secured NIKE. The club also has developing links with English, Belgian and Italian teams, giving added incentives to Carlton's players who may want to try their luck overseas.

Apart from Stergiopoulos, Carlton has secured the services of Joe Simunic, from Melbourne Knights, and Australian Under-20 team member Bill Damianos from South Melbourne.

Carlton is also believed to be currently negotiating with two Nigerian imports.

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Marcus Stergiopoulos: Has become a full time player with Carlton.

NOVELL COSMOS HERALD IN NEW ERA

Make no mistake, Novell Canberra Cosmos mean business. The club is very keen on putting the past behind them, forging ahead with a powerful new sponsor, a new attitude and commitment.

NEW COACH CULINA

The signing of Branko Culina as coach at Novell Canberra Cosmos is one of the major coups in Australian Soccer and is certainly the biggest signing that the Ericsson Cup new guys have made in their short two year history.

"The challenge in Canberra is a huge one, " he said.

"I think that the very future of the game lies in clubs like the Cosmos but you have to convert the undoubted potential into success on the park before that will ever be realised.

"I always felt that there were good players at the club and I am confident that we can bring in a few new faces to add strength to last season's squad."

Norman Kelly has been installed as Youth Development Officer and should feature in Culina's plans on the park.

"Kelly is a good professional" Culina noted.

"That is what I like most about British players, they have the desire to keep on going and work really hard even when things are not going well."

Almost certainly there will be changes in Canberra's playing style, with local fans looking forward to a semblance of the flair that Culina brought to Sydney United.

The use of switching wingbacks, cross field running and an obsessive desire to play the game in the opposition's final third are all the hallmarks of Culina's game, aspects that will be eagerly lapped up by Canberra's success hungry public.

Gone will be the drab, boring games and in their place will be the style that Culina is hoping is enough to take Canberra into the Top Six.

STRIPPING FOR SUCCESS

Novell Canberra Cosmos are preparing to play in the new Ericsson Cup season with a new look — a look which club chairman Paul Murphy hopes will bring success on the field.

"The club has submitted a strip design plan to Soccer Australia which, if accepted, will see the club play in a stunning all-white home strip.

"Real Madrid are one of the greatest teams in the history of the sport. By changing to all-white we will be able to incorporate the colours of our sponsor, Novell, and also look to capture some of that Spanish magic.

But we haven't lost sight of tradition and intend to retain our classic blue stars design as our third strip, which should keep everyone happy."

An all red outfit, similar to Liverpool, will be used as the away strip.

KELLY HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS

Novell Cosmos' skillful Irish player, Norman Kelly, is one looking forward to the new season.

Branko Culina: Set goal of being in Top 6.

"There is a real buzz about the place and it all happened so quickly. Novell came on board, then Branko signed, it definitely is an exciting time."

When asked about the new season, Kelly declared he has high hopes.

"If we can make the top six I will be very happy, and who knows what sort of crowds we can pull at Seiffert Oval with a bit of success. Just look at the crowds the Brumbies had in the rugby union. It will be an advantage playing at Seiffert for us because the crowds are closer to us, more like a real home game atmosphere. I've set the goal of being in the top six, and I think we can do it. However, I think it is important to be positive from the start."

With Michael Musitano back, Kelly firing and Culina masterminding the team, anything is possible.

REFEREES CHIEF ON THE MOVE

Soccer Australia Director of Referees, Gary Power, is setting a hot pace in his task of raising standards.

Last week he spent the first three days in Coffs Harbour with the Talented Referees program, in conjunction with the NNSW Soccer Federation.

Then it was off to Brisbane for more work. The days with the voluble Power are no holiday jaunt, starting as they do at 7am and finishing about 9pm, every day.

The Director was an active whistler for many years, progressing through the NSW State competitions and on to the National League.

He instructs Referees and Assistant Referees throughout Oceania as a FIFA instructor. In fact Lenci Fred, recently seen running the line at a number of the Oceania Group One games, is a 'Power protege'.

The likeable Power started his working life as a school teacher, which set him up perfectly for his present job.

Gary Power: Officiating at a National League game at Gabbie Stadium with the late Pat McVey effecting net securing.

SOCCER CONQUERS AIRWAYS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

By VAL MIGLIACCIO

Adelaide is lucky enough to have regular Soccer coverage on three radio stations. Community station Coast FM 88.5 have their own Soccer show on Sunday mornings from 7am to 9am hosted by former FIFA referee Donald Campbell.

His love of the game shines through as he endeavours to bring the latest news locally and internationally on the World Game. Studio guests have been Jim Tsekenis and a host of South Australian Soccer talent.

Radio 5EBI-FM 103.1, another community based station calls the Premier League match of the day each Saturday afternoon from 3pm until 5pm. Hosted by Rob Pepicelli and Nathan Wildy, the commentary team includes just about anybody who knows anything about the game. The same station has the Sports Report on Saturday afternoons from 5.30 until 6pm, hosted by Marian Lesnicki and Joe Larecki, with Soccer stories and updates the main feature of the half hour.

Commercial radio station 5AA 1395 AM have the Bailetti Sports Soccer show from 7pm until 8pm Sunday nights. Hosted by Joe Mullen and Val Migliaccio, the show features Nigel Clark from the Daily Mirror in London updating the happenings of the British leagues. Talkback is a regular feature of the show with studio guests including Tony and Aurelio Vidmar, Carl Veart and Adrian Santrac.

Melbourne Soccer personality, Greg Blake, features often with controversial and humourous comments on the state of the game.

Soccer Australia Gains Dann

Wallace Dann, President of the Queensland Soccer Federation, has been elected by the State and Territory Federations to the Board of Soccer Australia.

He replaces Peter Gray, President of Soccer NSW, whose term expired last month.

Mr Dann was elected unopposed by the State and Territory Federations.

The Board of Soccer Australia has seven members, three who are members including the Chairman David Hill, Deputy Chairman Basil Scarsella and Don Fabrizio, elected by the Soccer Australia stakeholders which includes State and Territory Federations and National League clubs.

One member is nominated solely by clubs, Fred Lenzi, one member is nominated solely by the State and Territory Federations, Wallace Dann, and two independents are elected by the Board of Soccer Australia, George Negus and Sue Baker-Finch.

Mr Gray, in his position of NSW President, has responsibility for the largest number of registered players in Australia. He is also the prominent head of a successful sports goods company. His expertise will be sorely missed by Soccer Australia.

Promotion Push On In Victoria

By DWYGHT TUFFNELL

The push for promotion out of the state league first division has thrown four possible candidates to take the two places up for grabs.

South Dandenong, Westvale, Moorabbin City and Richmond currently occupy the top four positions, and with nine rounds to go, it's all to place for Under player-coach Billy 'The Kid' Wright, South Dandenong have lost just twice and have scored 54 times (21 of them from the coach).

South Dandenong, four points clear at the top going into round 17, are one of the favourites to win promotion.

Former Gippsland Falcons duo Carlo Villani and Justin Geri have been two of their outstanding players.

Their closest rivals, Westvale, are no strangers to promotion, having been promoted from the Provisional League in consecutive seasons.

An experienced team, Westvale can boast the likes of player-coach Phil Stubbins, Angie Goutzioulis and Stuart Cannell amongst their ranks.

Moorabbin City are a club with big plans and promotion to the premier league will go a long way to fulfilling their dreams.

They probably have the least difficult run home out of the four clubs, and will rely on their blend of youth and experience to get them a place in the premier league.

Richmond were a little unlucky not to get promotion last season, missing out by just one point to Preston Lions.

Striker Chris Andriotis is the player to watch in the Richmond side, he has netted 16 times this season, including three hat tricks.

Carlo Villani: Helping push South Dandenong to Division 1 triumph.

But the changes, new permanent social and changing rooms, sponsors area, gymnasium and, most important of all, an undercover stand to seat 150 people, will make the venue one of the more impressive around according to Moorabbin president Sam Laverty.

"Further down the track we hope to extend the stand's capacity to 350.

"Once it is all finished it will be as good as anyone else's ground in the premier league."

While it looks all rosy for Moorabbin, South Dandenong, Richmond and Westvale have a lot of work to do to bring their ground up to the requirements.

Along with the clubs, the VSF is working with the local councils and shires and they hope to have something struck up within the next three to four weeks.

Westvale and South Dandenong grounds in particular are not the greatest.

Having both recently been in the Provisional League (where the facilities requirement is practically non-existent) their grounds have not improved as quickly as their teams have.

CONCERNS ON CRITERIA

One concern for three of the clubs is the criteria they must meet to be allowed a place in the premier league. Whilst they might be good on the playing side, if their facilities are not up to scratch they have to improve them or stay in the first division.

Under a new criteria the Victorian Soccer Federation is soon to introduce, only Moorabbin City are likely to be considered good enough.

Moorabbin, who share their Kingston Heath ground with premier league club Bentleigh Greens, have a combined total of $560,000 to spend on improving their facilities.

However, Moorabbin and Bentleigh have put in $100,000 each and $140,00 comes from the state government. The local governement has contributed $320,000 to the improvements.

At the moment Kingston Heath Soccer Complex is not what you would call luxurious. Temporary social rooms and spartan changing facilities have brought criticism from many premier league teams who have visited there to play Bentleigh.

FIRST DIVISION TOP FOUR - THE RUN HOME

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Rnd 19	Broadm. C (a)	Westgate (h)	Werribee C. (a)	West. Sub. (h)
Rnd 20	Doncaster (h)	Mar. Arrows (a)	Northcote C. (h)	Westgate (a)
Rnd 21	Lalor Utd (a)	Kingston C. (h)	Springvale C. (a)	Mar. Arrows (h)
Rnd 22	Werribee (h)	Moorabbin (a)	Westvale (h)	Kingston C. (a)
Rnd 23	West. Sub (h)	Northcote C. (h)	Richmond (a)	Moorabbin (h)
Rnd 24	Westgate (a)	Springvale C. (a)	Broadm. C. (h)	Northcote C. (a)
Rnd 25	Mar. Arrows (h)	Werribee (h)	Doncaster (a)	Springvale C (h)
Rnd 26	Kingston C (a)	Richmond (h)	Lalor Utd (h)	Westvale (a)

VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Dandenong	16	13	1	2	54	15	40
Westvale	16	12	0	4	47	12	36
Moorabbin City	16	12	0	4	38	14	36
Richmond	16	11	2	3	45	20	35
Western Suburbs	16	10	2	4	28	12	34
Kingston City	16	9	3	4	33	22	30
Springvale City	16	8	0	8	30	31	24
Werribee City	16	7	1	8	18	26	22
Lalor United	16	6	0	10	25	33	18
Northcote City	16	4	1	11	16	46	13
Doncaster Rovers	16	3	2	11	14	38	11
Westgate	16	3	1	12	14	38	10
Broadmeadows City	16	3	1	12	10	36	10
Mahoondah Arrows	16	2	4	10	16	45	10

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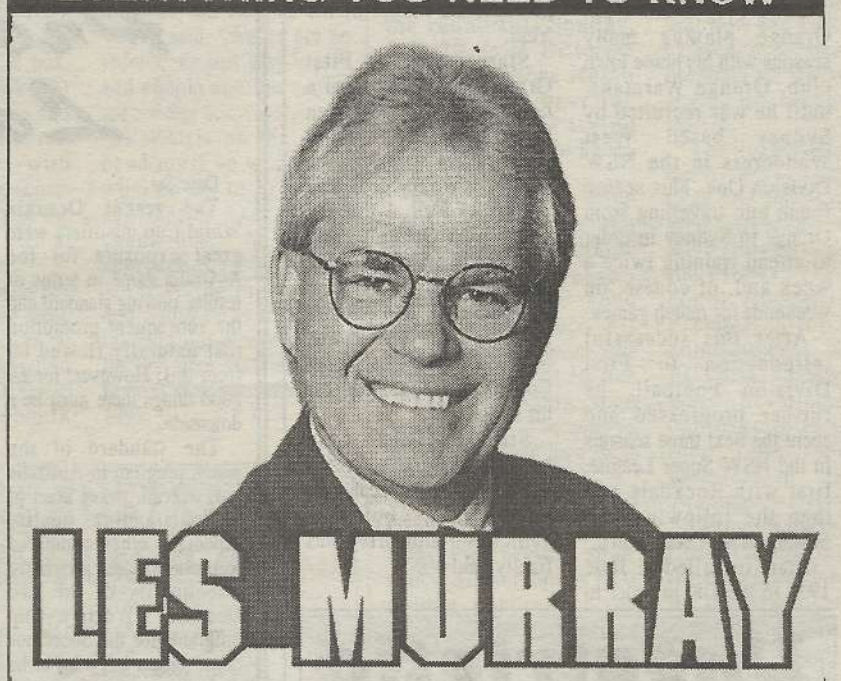

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STARR OF SCOTLAND

A regular reader of ABSW recently told us about yet another Australian player in an overseas competition. This goalkeeper was determined to succeed and did so with initiative and drive.

He is Scott Starr whose dedication has taken him from the country town of Orange to Sydney and now on to Scotland.

Scott originated from Orange playing many seasons with his home town club, Orange Waratahs, until he was recruited by Sydney based West Wanderers in the NSW Division One. This season found him travelling from Orange to Sydney in order to attend training twice a week and, of course, on weekends for match games.

After this successful introduction to First Division Football, he further progressed and spent the next three seasons in the NSW Super League, first with Rockdale and then the following two seasons at Mt Druitt Town.

Starr travelled in June 1996 to the UK in order to further his Football career. He played initially with Cheltenham Town in the Dr Martens League Premier Division.

In September Starr travelled to Scotland to try out with Queen's Park Football Club in the Third Division. After a successful trial period he was signed with the Club and has since been playing in the Club's Reserve League, in which he received Player of the Year.

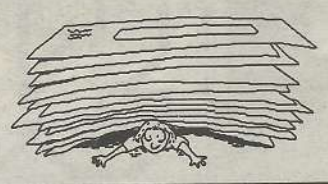
Starr made his First Grade debut in front of a home crowd at Hampden Park on April 12, which 'the Strollers' won 2-1.

Starr is a very dedicated player. As well as training nights with Queen's Park, he attends at Kilmarnock Football Club several days a week and is coached under Jim Stewart, Scotland's U21 Goalkeeper Coach, to further progress his skills.

Starr has had many knock backs and has often been overlooked because of his height, but his dedication and drive has finally paid off.

Letters to the Editor

Have your say on any soccer issue in the world. Preference will be given to short letters. Include daytime phone number for verification.



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Short letters of about 400 words will be given preference in this column.

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Programmes Lack Info

Dear Sir,

The recent Oceania World Cup qualifiers were great exposure for the Australia game in terms of results, playing standard and the subsequent promotion that naturally flowed on from this. However, for all good things there must be a downside.

The standard of the match program in Australia has, overall, never been of an outstanding quality especially when compared to most overseas programs. The quality of the two Oceania World Cup programs for the Socceroos home games left a lot to be desired in terms of relevant match day information. Nowhere in either the New Zealand or Solomons/Tahiti program could details be found regarding the match officials nor was any numbering available for any of the teams. This makes the player profiles virtually useless unless you happened to have to have a pen handy and managed to make out the announcements prior to the game.

It would seem that the modern Australian International program follows more of a magazine formula, presumably believing that this is what the public want. Yet for nearly half the price, a customer could choose any one of half a dozen magazines from the newsagent with five times the content.

Whilst I will buy the Asian World Cup qualifier program purely for its souvenir value, I will not be purchasing Socceroo programs again. I believe sales of International programs would increase markedly if they contained more content and more importantly, appropriate match details.

Peter Smith,
Sans Souci, NSW.

PS:

With the Socceroos due to complete World Cup qualifying commitments in November, an interesting coincidence could be on the cards. Should the Socceroos clinch World Cup qualification on Thursday, November 13, it will be twenty four years to the day since Australia's historic 1974 qualification. These dates would probably only coincide if the second-leg was played in Asia on a Wednesday night (Thursday Aust EST).

Unpatriotic Attitude of Television

Dear Sir,

Today, Friday, July 4, 1997, I watched the sports report at 11am on Channel Seven in Adelaide.

The report covered Tennis (at Wimbledon), The Ashes Series, Bledisloe Cup, ARL, Super League and Aussie Rules. Not one word was mentioned regarding the World Cup qualifier 2nd Leg between the Socceroos and New Zealand All Whites.

This is typical of too many media outlets.

Soccer Australia should be congratulated for the effort in bringing the game to the media's attention it showed today (Stefan Kamasz, Letters to the Editor, ABSW, July 1, 1997).

I telephoned Channel Seven here in Adelaide to register my protest regarding the sports coverage and its unpatriotic attitude towards the Socceroos.

Jeff Basic
Woodville, SA

Editor's note: This is all the more galling when you consider that two Adelaide players, Tobin and Ivanovic, were the stars! We understand completely your disgust, we feel the same way. For all readers who have had these problems, turn to p.10 for a media list.

JOEYS TEAM PHOTOGRAPH?

Dear Sir,

I'm writing in reply to a letter by Mrs J Green of NSW in ABSW, July 1, 1997 about: "Where was the publicity"

I agree very much with her in the lack of media and TV regarding our youth teams. Where is the incentive for the youth representing our country?

As parents of a boy in the U/17 Joeys, we were very disappointed in the lack of media coverage regarding the World Cup qualifiers in New Zealand.

Also, as interstate parents, we are very sad not to be able to see our boys off and there is not even a team photo in the daily papers in Melbourne. I even contacted some television stations and newspapers to find out if anyone was going to show any of the Australian Joeys games but got nowhere!

Maybe someone from the Sydney newspapers, or one of the parents, has a team photo I could buy off them or maybe you can help us?

Maybe someone knows a contact from the New Zealand television or papers who would know where we can get a photo?

We would also like very much to get hold of a video of any of the Australian games. It's very disappointing not being able to see your son playing for Australia. Surely an Australian television station has a copy of at least ONE of the games?

I would very much like to get a copy of either a team photo or video.

Hope you can help us in some way.

Rosa John
Glenroy, Vic

PS: My son, Martin John, was goalkeeper for the Joeys.

Editors note: Any team photograph of the U/17 Joeys who played in New Zealand? We will happily pass it on to Martin John's mother.

SOCCER ON TV, AT WHAT HOUR?

Dear Sir,

On the subject of TV coverage, (free to air), can anyone advise me if they have seen a more comprehensive coverage and varied coverage of soccer than was shown on SBS during June and early July on Australian TV excluding USA 94 and EURO 96?

At about the same time the Nine Network was struggling without success to satisfy the conflicting demands of Tennis, Cricket and Rugby League fans as well as regular program viewers.

He insists that only commercial TV can deliver a mainstream audience. Perhaps he means insomniacs that watch midnight to dawn TV or the shift workers, retiree's, unemployed and stay-at-home mums who make up the audience for weekday daytime TV?

If, or when, commercial TV get coverage of OZ soccer, you can bet your life that this is where up to 90% of soccer coverage will be telecast until ultimately all soccer coverage is dropped of poor ratings.

History proves conclusively that in Australia, soccer and commercial TV, (including the ABC), go together like a oil and water. I welcome anybody to prove me wrong.

In closing, I can assure everyone I am not in any way associated with or working on behalf of SBS television.

R Melor,
Bondi, NSW.

GOALKEEPERS — GOALSCORERS

Dear Editor,

I noticed in ABSW June 24 Issue that you printed that Rene Higuita has scored three international goals. I was wondering if you could list as many current goalkeepers who have scored for their country, and their full international caps and goals.

I know there are at least five of them: Mark Bosnich (9 aps 1 goal), Rafael Dudamel of Ecuador, Rene Higuita of Colombia, Jose Luis Chilavert of Paraguay and Jacques Songo'o of Cameroon.

Also, I was wondering if you had any info about Australian Glen Johnson who plays/played for Cardiff City in the English Third Division. Does he still play for them, what's his position and date of birth as well as any other information you might have.

Your help is greatly appreciated,

Brad Shannon,
Miami, Qld.

Editors note: Unfortunately our records do not extend to all statistics about all international goalkeepers. Glen Johnson was believed to have played for Bury, after Cardiff, last season.

DON'T KILL THE GOOSE

By BOB BROOKS

As more Australian players move overseas to further their careers and secure their financial futures, clubs are understandably anxious to receive cash compensation in return.

The Australian Soccer Players Association (ASPA) have called upon the clubs 'to seek fair and realistic comentation fees for Australian players seeking international moves after their playing contracts have expired'.

On the move are Zeljko Kalac, Ante Milicic, Matthew Bingley, Hamilton Thorp, Vas Kalogeracos and Robert Enes to name a few. Trialling are Mark Robertson, Con Blatsis and Craig Foster.

Brendan Schwab, Chief Executive of ASPA warned, "If a club, by demanding an unreasonable amount of compensation, prevents a player from securing a career opportunity, that player would most likely have the law of the land on his side."

Schwab goes on to say that if such a player took legal proceedings for restraint of trade then he could go overseas without his Australian club receiving any compensation.

"This would deny Australian Soccer a vital revenue stream," added Schwab.

Mr Schwab says that following the landmark Bosman ruling allowing for free transfers within Europe for out of contract players, Australian compensation fees are no longer cheap by international standards. "Clubs must ask for reasonable fees in order to allow a player to transfer, otherwise, they may face having the principles behind the Bosman ruling extended to Australia."

"The onus is squarely upon the clubs to enable the system to work. Any player unreasonably restrained in his profession is more than justified in taking whatever action is necessary to pursue his career at the highest possible level."

"As was the case with the Bosman ruling, FIFA would then make all necessary alterations to its regulations to ensure they comply with any legal precedent set."

The situation must be a WIN, WIN one. The club expects, and should receive, a reasonable fee. On the other hand, the player needs to play where he is well rewarded.

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Arctic Cup Semis Decided

By DANE SKAFTE

The 1997 Arctic Cup semi finals were held last Thursday night, at Johnson Park, West Wallsend. The Arctic Cup semi finals were played in near 'Arctic' conditions in the evening.

David Bock: Claimed equaliser for Edgeworth.

Toronto Awaba Stags were the first team to qualify for the Cup final when they defeated Broadmeadow Magic 1-0. Playing with only 10 men, after defender Scott Woodbridge was sent off in the 24th minute for a professional foul, the young Stags played above themselves to advance.

A 29th minute goal to Scott Maguire from a set play off a free kick gave the Stags a 1-0 half time lead that they hung onto with determined defence in the second half. Toronto Awaba's coach, Jack Routledge, was very impressed with the way the boys played and the courage the whole team showed.

"Our team has an average age of around 20 and they will run all day."

In the second match Hamilton Warriors started the game against Edgeworth Eagles full of running and bustle, and were rewarded in the 21st minute with a goal that deflected into the net off the far post by Brad Wieczorek.

The Warriors went into the break leading 1-0. The highly talented Edgeworth team were patient in the second half and equalised in the 50th minute after a dazzling goal by David Bock.

He chipped over the keeper's head but the Hamilton defence failed to clean up with Bock slamming the ball into the net to equalise. With the scores locked at 1-1 at full-time, the game went into a penalty shoot-out, which the Eagles won 3-1 to advance to the Final.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

UNDER 15s TEAM:

Reahm Amwar, John Bennif, Clint Clerk, Mitchell Cook, Joel Cummings, Shane Dodds, Nathan Ekert Macquarie; David Roth, Adam Skelly, Newcastle/Port Stephens, Brendan Hogan, Adam Hughes, Kyle Jensen, Josh Taylor, Clint Willoughby, Far North Coast; Adrian Jennings New England; Luke Ellem, Clarence River.

Stand by Players: Jordy Campbell, Far North Coast; John Saulo, North West; Mitchell Cukier, Paul Macchia, Macquarie; Michael Piccoli, Far North Coast.

Coach: John Keyser

Manager: Mark Ambler

Trainer: John Wolinski

UNDER 16s TEAM:

Steven Atchison, Manning; David Channels, Chris Gazzard, James Kemp, Jason Kos, Josh Padmore, Chris Panchevski, Gavin Vitullo, Newcastle/Port Stephens; Chad Dobson, Shane Groen, Karl Herzog, Macquarie; Todd Gava, Phillip Metcalfe, Far North Coast; Adam Israel, Adam Sharpe, Holiday Coast; Mark Nicholson, Hunter Valley.

Stand by Players: Craig Harrison, North West; Mark Pilkie, Manning; Alan Bell, Wayne Henry, Brad Smith, Newcastle/Port Stephens.

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The Northern NSW Soccer Federation have selected both Under 15 and Under 16 State teams for the National Championship to be conducted in Sydney during September.

The squad has been in camp during the first week of the school holidays for evaluation, training and final team selection.

Bannon winning mind games?

By GLENN DAVIS

Coach Peter Bannon believes Rochedale Rovers will carry a psychological advantage into their second round Queensland Cup quarter final clash with Taringa after holding the Fourex League leaders to a scoreless draw at Jack Speare Park on Sunday.

Rochedale, who are experiencing one of their worst premiership seasons for several years, held out Taringa in a scrappy affair on a rain sodden pitch.

Like last week's fixture against Brisbane Lions, Taringa were denied a result by some outstanding goalkeeping from Rochedale's keeper Clint Dal Santo, who soon heads off to the United States on a college Soccer scholarship.

The match was a repeat of the scrappy Fourex League clash the previous week against Brisbane Lions with Taringa on the receiving end of some harsh criticism from Bannon concerning the playing surface at Speare Park.

"It was a better result for us than Taringa, but I feel sorry for the players having to play on that (ground)," Bannon said.

"We can only improve but whether you can blame the field for our performance I don't know."

Taringa coach John Ogden conceded the playing surface detracted from the spectacle of two of the league's most skilful sides, but pointed out that the club had only one more home game after a long season.

Ogden disagreed with Bannon's assessment that the result was a psychological boost for Rochedale for when they clash in the return quarter final leg at Rochedale.

"We had to rest three of four of our more experienced players through one reason or another and the young players who came in did quite well," Ogden said.

"We're not conceding goals and have only let in 13 all seasons.

"We just need a touch of luck in front of goals."

The match was a typical dour Cup struggle between two sides who battled hard under difficult circumstances.

Taringa easily had the better goal scoring chances and possibly could have gone to the break two up had the home side found the missing luck Ogden said later had deserted them.

The first came in the 36th minute. Midfielder Stu Collins missed a gift in front of goal, heading a Stein Grodum corner straight into the arms of Dal Santo from close range.

Their second chance came with seven minutes left of play. A brilliant diving header by Taringa's Des Hughes was sensationally tipped over the crossbar by the outstretched hand of Dal Santo.

That save was possible enough to earn the star keeper the man of the match, as it kept Rochedale in the game at a crucial stage.

The second half see-sawed with Rochedale grabbing the early ascendancy before Taringa fought back to dominate the latter stages of the game.

Hughes could have snatched glory for Taringa in the final minute, when a glancing header from the impressive Danny Invincible sailed just wide of the upright.

The other Queensland Cup quarter final between Coalstars and defending holders Wynnum was washed out at Bundamba.

WOLLONGONG Olympic handed Bulli their second defeat of the 1997 Illawarra Premier League season with a 4-2 win in Sunday's match of the round at Brandon Park.

Striker Emmanual Mavridis scored twice for Olympic, who remain in third place and are now only five points behind Bulli, who still lead the competition.

Peter Zorbas and Peter Kotamanidis also scored for Olympic, who have played very well in recent weeks.

Bulli striker Rod Patterson scored a double for Bulli (who next week face Coniston, the only other side to have beaten them this year).

Losing coach Peter Beggs paid tribute to the strong Olympic performance.

"They were a far better side, we were poor in defence, the middle and up front, but we will be back," he warned.

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A GOAL from Jason Spencer in the 66th minute saw Lysaghts beat Port Kembla 1-0 in the grand final replay at Wetherall Park on Saturday.

The match was played at a furious pace, with Lysaghts midfielder Steve Krishna sent from the field in the final minute after reacting to a strong tackle.

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WESTS-FIGTREE have picked up their first point of the year after a 2-2 draw with Dapto.

Stuart Vickers and Shane McGirr scored for Wests, who have been getting close to breaking their drought for several weeks.

Dapto would be unhappy with the result, who are winless in three weeks following losses to Port Kembla and Northern United.

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WOLLONGONG White Eagles bought Cringila's recent purple patch to an end with a 2-1 victory on Saturday.

Fab Screpis and John Cairney scored for the White Eagles, while Fernhill also enjoyed a 2-1 victory over Northern United.

Paul Giraldi and Pichard Piel scored for Fernhill who jumped into fifth spot on the ladder after Coniston's 0-0 draw with Balgownie.

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BRANDON PARK will be the venue for the Olympic selection match between Australia and South Africa on Saturday.

The two sides played in Canberra last Saturday night with the Olyroos winning 2-0, after having a win and a draw when the sides met in South Africa last year.

As a result of the match, all Illawarra Premier League matches will be played on Sunday.

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ROUND 19

	1st	U21	U18
Sutherland Shire v Central Coast	1-1	2-2	2-1
B'kstown City Lions v P'amatta Eagles	1-2	1-3	0-6
Macarthur Rams v Blacktown City	1-1	2-2	1-1
Leichhardt Tigers v B'nyrigg Wh Eagles	1-3	1-1	1-2
Sydney United v Canterbury M'kville	4-2	2-0	4-1
Leichhardt Tigers v Bankstown City Lions		1-0	1-1

FIRST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Eagles	17	10	5	2	36	13	35
Leichhardt Tigers	17	9	3	5	19	14	30
Bonnyrigg We	16	9	2	5	35	17	29
Central Coast	17	6	5	6	24	21	23
Blacktown City	17	6	5	6	23	21	23
Bankstown City	18	6	5	7	30	29	23
Macarthur Rams	17	6	4	7	20	24	22
Canterbury Berries	15	4	7	4	20	30	19
Sydney United	17	5	3	9	18	34	17
St George	16	2	9	5	18	29	15
Sutherland Sharks	17	2	6	9	16	27	12

DIVISION ONE

ROUND 27

	1st	U21	U18
Warringah Dolphins v Illawarra Lions	0-0	4-2	3-0
Mt Pritchard v West Wanderers	2-0	1-2	1-0
Greystanes v Stanmore Hawks	*Postponed*		
R'kdale City Suns v Penrith Panthers	0-2	0-1	4-0
(1st's abandoned after 45 mins)			
Illawarra Lions v Auburn United	3-2	1-7	2-6
W'ringah Dolphins v Belmore Hercules	P	P	8-1
Eastern Suburbs v Ryde City	1-1	2-3	0-1
Auburn Utd v Hurstville City Minotaurs	1-0	5-0	1-0
Fairfield Bulls v Bathurst '75	2-2	5-0	0-3

ROUND 25

Hurstville City Minotaurs v Warringah Dolphins	2-0

ROUND 26

Stanmore Hawks v Mt Pritchard	0-1	1-2

ROUND 22

Stanmore Hawks v Illawarra Lions	6-0

P = Postponed

FIRST

Hurstville City Minotaurs 61, Ryde City 55, Bathurst '75 48, Eastern Suburbs 47, Mt Pritchard 46, Stanmore Hawks 43, Hills United 41, Fairfield Bulls 40, Belmore Hercules 34, Auburn United 34, Rockdale City Suns 31, Penrith Panthers 25, Illawarra Lions 24, Greystanes 21, West Wanderers 14, Warringah Dolphins 12.

DIVISION TWO

ROUND 20

	1st	U/21	U/18
Dulwich Hill v Liverpool City	2-1	6-0	0-2
AC United v Gladesville United	2-0	2-2	4-3
University of NSW v Liverpool City	3-2	8-0	0-4
Concord Juniors v Hurstville ZSC	1-2	0-5	1-5
Dulwich Hill v Alexander Warriors	3-0	1-1	P/P
Parramatta City v Mt Druitt Town	0-5	1-0	2-5
Moorebank Sports v Sydney Dist	2-0	2-1	1-2
Uni of NSW v Alexander Warriors			0-3
Concord Juniors v AC United	0-5	0-3	

FIRST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AC United	20	11	4	5	45	21	37
Moorebank Sports	19	10	5	4	34	20	35
Uni of NSW	19	10	5	4	32	26	35
Dulwich Hill	20	8	8	4	40	28	32
Hurstville ZSC	20	10	2	8	37	37	32
Mt Druitt Town	19	8	5	6	43	30	29
Gladesville United	19	9	1	9	29	27	28
Sydney District	18	8	3	7	26	25	27
Liverpool City	20	6	7	7	27	38	25
Concord Juniors	20	3	6	11	21	39	15
Alexander Warriors	19	4	2	13	23	46	14
Parramatta City	19	3	4	12	33	53	13

DIVISION THREE

ROUND 17

	1st	2nd
Arncliffe Scots v Prairiewood United	5-0	3-0
Glebe Wanderers v The Wanderers	2-1	3-1
Trasandinos v Granville Greenisland	0-2	2-0
Prospect United v St Johns Park	7-0	16-1
Colo Colo v Hawkesbury City	4-1	1-2
White City v Trasandinos	6-0	1-4

FIRST

Glebe Wanderers 38, Arncliffe Scots 32, Granville Greenisland 32, Colo Colo 29, The Wanderers 28, Hakoah 26, Prospect United 22, Hawkesbury City 21, Trasandinos 21, White City 19, St Johns Park 9, Prairiewood United 7.

DIVISION FOUR

ROUND 19

	1st	2nd
Springwood v Sydney University	0-2	1-1
Maroubra United v Fraser Park	P/P	4-3
Earlwood Hermes v Angels Liverpool	2-0	5-2
United Eagles v Mascot Kings	0-3	2-5
Fairfield Kings v St Josephs	3-7	0-3
Lithgow Workmen v Balmain	*Postponed*	
Marrickville v CSI Schofields	4-5	2-2
United Eagles v Marrickville		1-4

FIRST

Sydney University 42, Maroubra United 42, Fraser Park 39, CSI Schofields 34, Earlwood Hermes 32, Marrickville 31, Mascot Kings 30, St Josephs 23, United Eagles 21, Balmain 17, Lithgow Workmen 17, Springwood 15, Angels Liverpool United 5, Fairfield Kings 3.

DIVISION FIVE

ROUND 19

	1st	2nd
Canterbury Bullets v AC Sydney	5-1	0-2
Nepean Districts v Camden Tigers	4-2	1-1
Blacktown Premier v Racing	1-1	0-0
Bossy v Homenetmen	4-1	0-1
Fairfield Eagles v Kosciusko	3-0	3-0
AC Sydney v AVA United	4-1	4-0
Canterbury Bullet v Auburn Star	2-2	1-6
Holy Cross v Sporting SCC	2-1	5-1
Holy Cross v Blacktown Premier	1-2	2-0

FIRST

Camden Tigers 44, Holy Cross College 40, Bossy 33, Nepean District 32, Blacktown Premier 30, Racing 29, Homenetmen 26, Fairfield Eagles 25, AC Sydney 24, Canterbury Bullets 22, Kosciusko 19, Auburn Star 17, Sporting SCC 16, AVA United 8.

WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

ROUND 18

	1st	2nd
Sutherland Shire v Gladesville Raven	2-1	2-0
Marconi v Penrith Panthers	5-0	9-0
Macquarie District v Moorebank Sports	*Postponed*	
Eastern Suburbs v NNSW Institute/Academy	1-3	0-14
UWS Macarthur v Sydney United	1-2	0-5
Sutherland Shire v UWS Macarthur	2-1	4-0

FIRST

NSW Inst/Academy 36, Sydney United 34, Marconi 33, NNSW Inst/Academy 29, Sutherland Shire 25, UWS Macarthur 22, Eastern Suburbs 13, Penrith Panthers 13, Macquarie District 12, Moorebank Sports 10, Gladesville Raven 6.

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Macarthur v Liverpool Olympic	1-3
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Shoalhaven Association v Bathurst City	5-0

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Stanmore Hawks v Bankstown City Lions
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RD 17 — Rockdale City Suns v Warringah Dolphins — R Ilinden Sports Ctr, 3pm

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RYDE FORCE EASTS TO DRAW

By PAUL GOODWIN

EASTERN SUBURBS 1 RYDE CITY 1

In gloomy light two well placed sides provided some quality football in ever worsening conditions at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

There was plenty of good passing and sensible use of the ball, with Ryde building up well and then relying on their front runners to use their pace to best advantage.

Easts, by contrast, used the wings well and then got plenty of numbers into the box where the likes of Steve Lawrenson, Craig Sharpley and Michael Reda caused some concern with their deft footwork.

Solid defending, good goalkeeping and an element of good fortune allowed Ryde to keep a clean sheet until midway through the second half. By then they had already hit the bar themselves, Matthew Borg wasting an open goal opportunity from 10 metres out and shot just wide on several occasions.

Ryde was in front on the hour after a piece of fine anticipation by Andy Stratford, who stole a loose ball on half way and fed Tim Gledhill on the right. Gledhill outpaced his marker and fed a low cross to Borg who finished nicely from his position on the left of the goal area.

Celebrations were shortlived, however, as Easts took just eight minutes to find an equaliser.

A quick throw by Gary Spivac on the right, gave Lawrenson the chance to lay on a pass for Craig Sharpley to drill the ball past Sam Krslovic.

Gledhill and Borg missed chances, while at the other end some desperate defence from Stratford and Miranda and sheer weight of numbers in an increasingly slippery goalmouth kept Easts from going on to win the game.

A draw was definitely the right result, though both sides really needed the three points.

HURSTVILLE MINOTAURS 2 WARRINGAH 0

The Minotaurs managed the win they needed to keep Ryde City at bay, but at a soggy St George Stadium they made heavy weather of it.

Louis Dounis has been out of touch and missed a few good chances again, but the good form of Ricky Somboli allowed others to cash in instead.

John Palapanis headed past Rocco Papalia after the Dolphins' keeper had punched away a header from Peter Papoythis following a Somboli corner from the right in the 36th.

Then in the 69th Sombolis cross, also from the right, was headed strongly at papalia who ran back to catch the ball but carried it over the line.

STANMORE 0 MOUNT PRITCHARD 1

This was the first time that Stanmore had lost two on the trot and the Mounties did it well with a single goal enough to keep them in the running for a top five spot.

Frank Portolesi was the Mounties man to score and keep his coach Lee Sterrey's unbeaten. The lone strike aiding the side to a place among the top five for the first time in weeks.

HILLS UNITED 1 HURSTVILLE MINOTAURS 0

The Minotaurs have hit a sticky patch and we are not just talking about a rain-hit Fred Caterson Reserve on Sunday.

In an even game Dounis once again failed to fire and defenders from both sides held sway. The visitors had been leading the competition in Under 21s, but in what was the forerunner of a clean sweep on the day the Hills beat them 5-0.

Both first grade keepers were busy with Hills Terry Ide, especially, in superb touch.

Referee Stewart Lockrey sent off Hills defender Laurence Hall just after Hills had scored the only goal of the game but the Minotaurs could not press home their numerical advantage to collect at least an equaliser.

Jason Eagar made ground on the right in the 75th minute and cut the ball across to Bernie Voloder whose own through pass provided Kevin Lester with a clear passage to goal which he wrapped up with a tidy shot past the Minotaurs' keeper.

Hall, Ide and Voloder all had strong games for the home side who were without player-coach Lawrie McKinna on this occasion.

FAIRFIELD 2 BATHURST '75 2

Bathurst have struggled at the Nineveh Field over the years with only 1-1 draw and three losses to show for their previous visits to the Bull ring.

This time things again looked ominous as a fired-up Fairfield came at them with all guns blazing and were two up inside 35 minutes.

Nihad Ahmed cracked a volley past Braydon Barcham in the 3rd minute, after Richard Varga and Ricky Giometti had combined.

Then Sasha Talevski made it two when he accepted a pass from Varga and smashed the ball in off the underside of the bar.

Bathurst bounced back and in first half stoppage time pulled one back.

Archie Thompson was on hand to get the better of Frank Mikuletic after Shaun Dixon had made a run on the left, fed Scott Mutton and seen Adrian Renike nod the ball back from the far post.

The equaliser came in the 72nd when Mutton raced onto a long ball from Shane West after a quickly taken free kick well inside the Bathurst half. Mutton used his customary brilliance to go around Mikuletic and placed the ball from the left of the area inside the far post.

Fairfield were lucky that Mikuletic was on song as he was forced to save brilliantly from a diving header by Brad Gallard after a precision Mutton cross in the 88th minute.

The Bulls really expected to get the winner themselves around the same time when Richard Varga was brought down by Adam Collins, but referee Wayne Crabbe indicated the player had made a dive instead.

For all their efforts the Bathurst boys are still without a win at Fairfield and have collected only two points from their last six visits to Town.

WARRINGAH DOLPHINS 0 ILLAWARRA LIONS 0

The more skilful Illawarra Lions found that hard work and strong running was just as effective as their own qualities as two relegation troubled sides fought out an absorbing 0-0 draw at Cromer Park on Saturday.

There were misses at both ends, with Rocco Papalia's push onto the post of a ball driven firmly by Darko Delovski, probably the most critical moment of the game.

John Sherry led the Dolphins' attack well and was foiled by some splendid keeping by Tony Avellino in the Lions' goal. Avellino almost gave Warringah an early goal when he tried to dribble the ball out for no apparent reason and lost possession near his right post, but Hassan El Khansa steered the ball across the face and it was taken clear by a grateful defender.

El Khansa and Sherry both had fine games for the Dolphins, while Jankulovski and Laybutt were the best for Illawarra, the latter getting out of a sick bed to play.

ILLAWARRA LIONS 3 AUBURN UNITED 2

The Lions got the win they needed the next day when they got the second of two penalties awarded to either side near the end of a scrappy game with Auburn at Ian McLellan.

Jankulovski steered home the first goal from a cross by Tony Trpcevski in the 53rd minute and then Sasha Dimoski made it two when he put the ball away after Velemir Kupresak had nodded on another cross from Trpcevski in the 73rd.

Auburn bounced back through Martin Abi Arrage in the 75th and Robbie Issa from a penalty in the 76th.

A handball from a shot by Jankulovski gave Darko Delovski the chance to put away the winning penalty in the 85th minute and the Lions hung on for the much needed win.

ROCKDALE CITY SUNS V PENRITH PANTHERS (ABANDONED)

Sensation at Rockdale where Penrith led 2-0 at half time only for the referee to abandon the game due to concerns over the safety of his other officials who had come under attack from spectators late in the first half.

The torrential downpour, which worsened in what would have been the second half, may not have been enough to end the game, but a red card shown to a Rockdale player after leaving the field for the break was just another factor in a sorry day which had seen an alarming number of yellow cards handed out already.

For the record Darren Read scored first for Penrith and Brett Buckpitt put away a penalty on the stroke of half time after Danny Hinton had been upended in the box.

MOUNT PRITCHARD 2 WEST WANDERERS 0

Mounties enjoyed a relatively easy win over neighbours Wests at Cook Park on Saturday.

Darren Iocca stole the ball from a Wests' player and took it to the byline before laying on a pass for Frank Cosentino to tuck the ball away in the 7th minute.

Then in the 61st Ante Zizic connected with a cross from the diminutive Joe Bruni who had got to the byline and cut the ball back nicely for his big team mate.

Trent Worrall provided the only glimmer of hope for Wests when he made a fine run to get past Vladen Radic and Zizic only to fire just past the post.

WARRINGAH V BELMORE POSTPONED

Yet another fixture for these two clubs to re-arrange as the day's proceedings were brought to a halt by a fierce thunderstorm 83 minutes into the reserve grade game, forcing the abandonment of the rest of the programme at a rainsoaked and almost invisible Cromer Park.

MIDWEEK AND WEEKEND PREVIEW RD 28

This looks like being another impossibly busy week for most Division 1 clubs with Ryde due to face Warringah at Popondetta Park on Thursday night as well as extra games for Belmore and Wests on Saturday and Rockdale and Warringah on Sunday.

Minotaurs will find stiff opposition at Hurstville when they take on Mount Pritchard and a point apiece seems a probably outcome given recent form.

Ryde have to play Hills who beat Minotaurs and will not make life easy for the Gunners at T C Millner Field.

At the other end of the ladder Wests meet Stanmore on Sunday; a game the Hawks must win to regain a place in the five.

Penrith have a chance to get away from the bottom region with a game against Illawarra Lions at home, which is a must as their opponents are breathing down their necks and would pass them were they to take this one out.

Fairfield will be made to work hard by Greystanes at Nineveh and Belmore could find it tough against Easts at Blick Oval, both games taking place on Sunday.

Bathurst must beat Rockdale at home on Saturday to secure a place among the five.

EAGLES FLY OVER TIGERS

By JOHN ECONOMOS

The Bonnyrigg White Eagles electric striker Stefan Janic, despite torrential rain pelting down on Lambert Park, reeled off a sensational hat-trick last Sunday to steer the Eagles to a well-deserved 3-1 victory over Leichhardt Tigers and simultaneously lift his side to be a definite threat for the NSW Super League Championship.

Sitting tightly in third spot on the ladder, just one slender point behind Leichhardt, Bonnyrigg still has a game in hand as they steam ahead determined to haul in the leaders Parramatta, Eagles.

Despite stormy weather conditions that prevailed, especially in the second session, both teams refused to play the long ball electing to persevere with a short passing attractive game that pleased the brave crowd in attendance that had defied the cold and wet conditions.

The explosive Janic drew first blood in the 15 th minute latching onto a cross fired in from the left. Calmly taking two touches in centre box as the Tigers' central defence hesitated, Janic slammed into the net from 10 metres

The Tigers threatened strongly in the 28th minute as dimunitive striker John Buonavoglia streaked away on a 55 metre raid down the right. But Bonnyrigg's sterling centre back, James Warburton with a great covering tackle, hauled him in before he could shoot.

The White Eagles stamped their authority in midfield as coach John Turner elected to battle with an adventurous 2-5-3 formation entrusting the defensive duties almost entirely to twin sturdy centre backs Warburton and former international defender Gary Van Egmond, on loan from Marconi.

The Eagles' well-drilled midfield of Graham Watton, Paul Dee, Paul Richardson, John Ghisso and Milan Gajic with linkman Javier Mancino, worked tirelessly to create chances for strike duo Janic and Colin Luff.

Ten minutes from the break the Tigers were awarded a penalty when left midfielder Gajic brought down Buonavoglia in the box. Lanky sweeper Ante Juric easily scored from the spot slamming his low shot viciously into the bottom left corner. He sent a diving Gibson the wrong way to lock up the scores at 1-1.

Leichhardt's solid centre back Jeremy Pettenon almost grabbed the lead for the now growling Tigers in the 38th minute. But his lifting left footed 12 metre drive out from the left shaved Bonnyrigg's horizontal.

A minute later again the Tigers were denied when a Buonavoglia point blank shot was brilliantly blocked by Gibson.

Having squandered two precious chances that would have given them the lead, instead the Tigers fell behind with yet another Janic goal two minutes from halftime. Following a corner from the right Janic rose high on the first post to head into the target and regain the lead for Bonnyrigg.

As the second half opened, so did the heavens as torrential rain pelted down on the pitch. But the heavy downpour failed to dampen the enthusiasm of both teams as they continued with their attractive short passing play.

The scoring (with the ball that is) ended in the 77th when Janic completed his spectacular hat-trick in very fine style. A clever long ball swung out wide to the right from industrious midfielder Dee, saw Janic scream forward before unlocking a rising drive that crashed high into Gibson's net.

Best for Leichhardt were sweeper Juric and centre-back Pettenon, whilst for the victors outstanding services were put in by strike-ace Janic and midfielders Watton, Richardson and Ghisso.

White Eagles' moustachioed coach John Turner, elatedly evaluated after the match: "This game had a semi-final atmosphere about it and now we are focussed on chasing League leaders Parramatta Eagles. My boys are fighters and are as good as any in the whole League, yet we have spent nothing on buying players. Despite the bad weather conditions we still wanted to play."

Far from being disheartened Leichhardt's coach and former Socceroo Peter Katholos, stated: "We didn't take our first half chances and in the second session we exposed ourselves coming forward and got punished. My boys worked really hard but it's not all over yet."

LEICHHARDT TIGERS: Covic: Milicevic, Juric, Pettenon: Talceski, Macalino, Koch, Bourke: Smith, Williams(Ianni 62), Buonavoglia.
BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES: Gibson: Warburton, Van Egmond: Watton, Dee, Richardson, Ghisso, Gajic(Sacco 88): Janic, Mancino, Luff.
Scorers: LEICHHARDT: Juric (35 pen). BONNYRIGG: Janic 15, 43, 77)
Referee: C.Doumis.

★★★ SUPER LEAGUE ★★★

ROUND TWENTY

Saturday July 19

Central Coast v Sydney United — Pluim Park, 6pm
Blacktown City Demons v Parramatta Eagles — Gabbie Stadium, 6pm

Sunday July 20

Bankstown City Lions v St George Saints — Jensen Park, 3pm
Bonnyrigg WE v Macarthur Rams — Serbian Centre, 3pm
Canterbury M/ville v leichhardt Tigers — Henson Park, 3pm

ROUND SEVENTEEN

Wednesday July 23

Central Coast v Canterbury marrickville — Pluim Park, 8.15pm

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STAR PROFILE

Stan LAZARIDIS

Date of Birth: August 16, 1972
Birthplace: Perth
Previous Clubs: Floreat Athena and West Adelaide
Current Club: West Ham
Current Position: Left wingback
Nickname: "Lazza" and "Skippy"
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: Fulltime professional
Best Aspect Of Your Game: Pace and dribbling
Most Difficult Opponent: Zannetti-(Inter Milan)
Most Impressive Local Player: Milan Ivanovic
Favourite Overseas Player: Juniniho
Favourite Overseas Club: Barcelona
What Qualities Make a Good Coach: To have sound tactical knowledge and the ability to extract the very best out of his players
What benefits if any, did Australia gain playing recent weak Oceania opponents: It gave us (Euro-based) players the chance to get used to the domestic based players and blend with one another overall
Honours: W.A. U/13s, U/14s, U/15s, U/16s and Australia's senior squad since 1992
Ambitions For 1997: To qualify for the World Cup Finals next year and win some silverware with West Ham
Most Memorable Moment: Probably my debut for Australia against A.C.Milan as well as the last game of the season with West Ham against Manchester United
Hobbies Outside Soccer: Music and golf
Best Goal You've Seen Scored: Maradona's whilst with Napoli when he scored from halfway with an incredible shot that also took the 'keeper into his own net
Favourite Food & Drink: My Mum's Greek cooking & Southern Comfort
Favourite TV Show: Melrose Place
Favourite Movie: The Godfather-Parts 1, 2 and 3
Favourite Actor/Actress: Al Pacino, Robert De Niro, Mickey Rourke and Kim Bassinger
Preferred Music: George Michael
Favourite Comedian: Seinfeld
Pet Hates: Losing and injuries
Special Advice To Young Players: Stick at it and work harder
Person You Would Most Like To Meet: George Michael

— By John Economos

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STAR PROFILE

Tony VIDMAR

Date of Birth: July 4 1970
Birthplace: Adelaide
Previous Clubs: Adelaide City, Germinal, Ekeren, Adelaide City, NAC Breda
Current Club: Glasgow Rangers
Current Position: Central marker or left back
Nickname: "Spika"
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: Fulltime professional
Best Aspect Of Your Game: Breaking out of defence into attack, full commitment
Most Difficult Opponent: Finidi George
Most Impressive Local Player: Dino Menillo
Favourite Overseas Player: Maldini
Favourite Overseas Club: Juventus
What Qualities Make a Good Coach: Communication skills and being tactically intelligent
What benefits if any, did Australia gain playing recent weak Oceania opponents : Opportunity to play together as a unit
Honours: South Australia's State team, Barcelona Olympics '92, and for Australia's senior team since 1991
Ambitions For 1997: Qualify for World Cup, win a League Championship with Glasgow Rangers, plus progress in Europe
Most Memorable Moment: Scoring against Ajax last season, plus being kissed by Maradona in Buenos Aires '93
Hobbies Outside Soccer: Golf and shopping
Best Goal You've Seen Scored: Maradona's '86 World Cup v England
Favourite Food & Drink: All types of pasta and Scotch & Dry
Favourite TV Show: The Simpsons
Favourite Movie: The Godfather Part 1, 2 and 3
Favourite Actor/Actress: Al Pacino
Preferred Music: All
Favourite Comedian: Graham Arnold
Pet Hates: Liars and all people with an attitude problem
Special Advice To Young Players: Enjoy what you do
Person You Would Most Like To Meet: Mimi McPherson

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JAPANESE BOLSTER CREEK

When the latest recruits to Weston Creek finish a hard training session under the head coach, Jimmy Bland, they come up to him, bow, and say 'thank-you'.

Under the circumstances, Yorkshire-born Bland might think they were taking the mickey, but the three newcomers are simply demonstrating traditional Japanese respect.

Yasushi Sato, Yuki Onda and Shotaro Nemoto are in Canberra studying English and physical education, with the eventual aim of taking a university course. All three are keen and talented Soccer players and have chosen the Creek as their club.

That delights Bland, "They are good at taking players on, and when the ball is at their feet show a great deal of confidence," he said. "And they're excellent readers of the game."

The trio are midfielders. Onda is currently turning out for the U/19 team, with Sato and Nemoto playing in the reserves.

If their university courses materialise they could be in Canberra for three or even four years, and nothing would please the coach more.

"Over that period of time I could see at least two of them becoming first-team regulars," he said.

"Especially if they keep on bowing and thanking me for giving them 100 sprints!'

Yuki Onda (L) and Yasushi Sato: Are expected to spend up to four years in Canberra.

Bitten By Coconut Crab

A youthful Olympic squad, from the club of that name, completed its tour of Vanuatu with a loss and a draw, and a lot of new friends in the island nation.

"They want us to come back next year, it could become an annual event," senior player Andrew young said.

"It was very enjoyable, although the games were hard and physical. It took us a while to adapt to that after worrying whether every tackle is going to produce a yellow card in the ACT League.

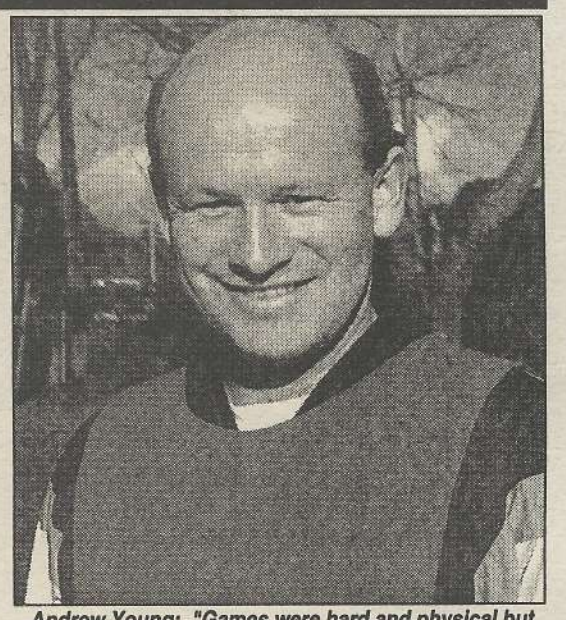
"But I've no complaints about the referees, who tended to let the game flow and were consistent in their decisions."

Young scored his team's only goal on tour: a penalty in its 3-1 loss to the Vanuatu national youth team.

The next game was against an island selection made up of youth and senior representative players, and ended in a goal-less draw.

"The club's happy with that, especially considering first-team players like Elliott Zwangobani, Takis Arvanitis, Baz Giampaolo and George Cattanach did not make the trip," Young said. "We made up the numbers with youngsters from the youth team and they did very well."

It's back to the bread and butter of the ACT League for Olympic, and despite two bruising encounters, the club can list just one injury from the tour, Gabby Exposito, who was bitten by a large coconut crab!



Andrew Young: "Games were hard and physical but very enjoyable."

LAZZARI BROTHERS STUN BELCONNEN UNITED

By GRAHAM COOKE

Weston Creek, struggling down-and-outs for two thirds of the game, pulled back to jolt the progress of ACT Premier League leaders Belconnen United in a 2-2 draw at Woden Park Oval on Sunday.

A dramatic stoppage-time penalty, awarded after Belconnen defender Jason Dunn was judged to have fouled Peter Hader, was scored by Steve Lazzari, for his 19th goal of the season, edging him closer to George Campbell's all-time season total of 28, set more than two decades ago.

Lazzari also had a hand in the Creek's first, this time in the unaccustomed role of playing the provider for his brother, Martin, who met his cross from the right to head past goalkeeper Steve Bakas in the 64th minute.

Up to that point it had seemed a case of just how many Belconnen would score in their seemingly relentless march to the minor premiership. A good 70 per cent of the game had been played in their opponents' half. There was no exaggeration from United's player coach, Lino Fiorese, when he said afterwards a five-goal half-time lead could easily have been established.

In fact, when they did come, Belconnen's goals were rather special — the first a 30 metre drive from Valerio Galeotti which Steve Wilkinson made a brave, but futile attempt to save.

Then Tony Pangallo, whose afternoon until then had been endng in the frustrations of the offside trap, finally matched judgement with pace to race in for the second.

Two goals up after 27 minutes, Belconnen should have carried on with the job, and perhaps the decisive point came just before half time when Paul Chalmers' header was brilliantly saved by Wilkinson, denying United the third goal which would have put the game beyond the Creek's reach.

"We were flat after two weekends off, and I could see that in training," Fiorese said. "But at least we came out of this with two points — and we keep our lead at the top of the table."

Creek coach Jimmy Bland was full of praise for Lazzari's contribution. "Steve has the knack of doing the right things under pressure," he said. "With the first goal he held his cross up just long enough to allow Dunn to commit himself.

"It seemed like Belconnen had 13 players on the park in the first half, and I told the lads in the dressing room 'we have to match their work rate or we're going down by four or five'."

He said the injection of Mark Conlon and Robbie Stoddart into the side gave it more balance "and we started to make them defend.

"We got a couple of points, and on the basis of the way we played in the second half, I think we deserved them."

NOVELL ACT PREMIER LEAGUE

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Canberra City	6	Q'nbeyan City	1
Weston Creek	2	Belconnen Utd	2
Gungahlin Juventus	1	Uni of Canberra	0
Tuggeranong Utd	0	Olympic	3
Monaro	1	Can Deakin	1

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belc'nen Utd	13	10	2	1	0	36	7	35
Weston Creek	13	8	2	0	3	43	21	28
Can Deakin	13	7	3	0	3	27	15	27
Olympic	13	8	1	0	4	32	15	26
Monaro	13	7	1	0	5	28	21	23
Juventus	13	4	2	1	6	17	17	17
Uni-Can	12	2	0	1	9	9	28	7
Q'nbeyan City	13	2	0	1	10	10	50	7
Tug'nong Utd	12	0	0	0	12	7	53	0

Leading scorers to July 6:

18 — S Lazzari (Weston Creek)
11 — Cattanach (Olympic)
10 — N Popovich (Olympic), Pangallo (Belconnen Utd)
18 — Buljan (Canberra Deakin), Barac (Canberra Deakin)
18 — Mason (Belconnen United), M Lazzari (Weston Creek), Serena (Monaro), M Pietrukowski (Belconnen United)

Reserves: Canberra City 18 Queanbeyan City 0, Weston Creek 0 Belconnen United 0, Gungahlin Juventus 1 University of Canberra 4, Tuggeranong United 1 Olympic 5, Monaro 0 Canberra Deakin 0.

Points: Belconnen United 36, Olympic 31, Weston Creek 27, Canberra Deakin 26, Monaro 22, Canberra City 20, University of Canberra 18, Tuggeranong United 3, Gungahlin Juventus 3, Queanbeyan City 3.

Youth: Canberra City 3 Queanbeyan City 2, Weston Creek 3 Belconnen United 2, Gungahlin Juventus 7 University of Canberra 0, Tuggeranong United 1 Olympic 7, Monaro 0 Canberra Deakin 8.

Points: Gungahlin Juventus 32, Canberra Deakin 32, Weston Creek 28, Belconnen United 25, Olympic 20, Monaro 17, Canberra City 16, University of Canberra 13, Tuggeranong United 2, Queanbeyan City 2.

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Uni of Canberra	1	Cap City Suns	5
Belconnen United	1	ANU	4
Cooma	4	White Eagles	0

	P	W	SD	D	L	F	A	pts
Cap City Suns	16	13	1	0	2	61	26	41
Burns Club	14	11	0	0	3	46	14	33
Cooma	16	11	0	0	5	51	23	33
ANU	15	10	0	0	5	40	28	30
Belc'nen Utd	15	6	2	0	7	34	28	22
White Eagles	14	4	0	0	10	13	40	12
Defence Acad	13	2	1	0	10	14	49	8
Uni-Can	15	0	0	0	15	8	59	0

Leading scorers to July 5:

15 — Lemezina (Capital City Suns)
12 — Blazevski (Capital City Suns)
11 — Bryett (Belconnen United), Van Der Plaat (Cooma), Tonini (Cooma)
10 — Wiseman (ANU)
9 — McLeod (Burns Club), Kostevski (Capital City Suns)
8 — Cringle (Burns Club)

Reserves: University of Canberra 6 Capital City Suns 1, ANU 3 Belconnen United 0, White Eagles 1 Cooma 0.

Points: ANU 37, Belconnen United 34, Burns Club 32, Cooma 19, White Eagles 18, Defence Academy 17, University of Canberra 13, Capital City Suns 2.

Youth: Belconnen United 4 Radford 0, Belwest-Olympic 2 Tuggeranong United 0.

Points: Belconnen United 45, Belwest-Olympic 35, Radford 28, Tuggeranong United 24, White Eagles 22, Defence Academy 17, Marist 10.

DIVISION 2: ANU A 6 Canberra City 0, Belconnen United 4 Weston Creek 1, Wollondilly Wanderers 9 Calwell Valley 1, Ginninderra 3 ANU B 0.

Points: ANU B 31, ANU A 30, Wollondilly Wanderers 27, Ginninderra 25, Belconnen United 19, Calwell Valley 17, Burns Club 16, Tuggeranong United 15, Canberra City 11, Weston Creek 3.

MONARO'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Players, officials and supporters who are part of the colourful history of Monaro will be at the Marco Polo club on July 26 for its 30th Anniversary Reunion Dinner.

A night of nostalgia is promised by committee member and event organiser Tony Brennan, who was part of the Monaro team which briefly played in the National League in the mid-1980s.

Other personalities from the era who have promised to be present are Ricky Budini, who went on to become assistant coach at Marconi Fairfield, Ian Wotherspoon, now coaching in Sydney's western suburbs, and local players Baz Giampaolo and Bernie Godzic, while Mario Donda goes back to Monaro's formation years at the end of the 1960s.

For anyone associated with the happy, occasionally tumultuous Queanbeyan club, there will inevitably be good memories. After spending a few years in the ACT League, it moved on to the NSW State League, winning that competition twice, the second time being awarded promotion to the National Soccer League.

The following year, 1985, was the pinnacle, with Monaro just missing out on a finals place. Relegation followed the next season, but back in the NSW competition there were some memorable moments, including a 12-0 win over Canterbury at the Marco Polo Ground, now renamed Riverside Stadium.

Stricken with financial problems the club went out of existence in the early 1990s, only to quickly reform and return to the ACT competition, where it is one of the favourites for a finals place in 1997.

Anyone who wants to relive some of the good days and the not so good, should contact Brennan on (06) 2166682, (06) 2025514, or the club on, (06) 2972486.

NOVELL ACT Premier League

Sunday, July 20 — Round 14

Queanbeyan City v Tuggeranong United — RIVERSIDE
Canberra City v Gungahlin Juventus — MAJURA OVAL
Weston Creek v Canberra Deakin — WODEN PARK
Belconnen United v Monaro — HAWKER OVAL
University of Canberra v Olympic — UNIVERSITY OVAL

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Saturday, July 19 — Round 17

Defence Academy v Cooma — ADDISON ROAD
White Eagles v Belconnen United — WODEN PARK
ANU v University of Canberra — NORTH OVAL
Capital City Suns v Burns Club — O'CONNOR OVAL

RESERVES 1PM. FIRSTS 3PM.

Australia v N

Parramatta Stadium

Graham Arnold (R): Shields ball from Danny Hay

John Aloisi is all concentration as he outpaces his New Zealand opponent

New Zealand

Sunday July 6, 1997

STARTING ELEVEN FOR AUSTRALIA: Back Row (L-R) Mark Bosnich, Graham Arnold, Ned Zelic, Milan Ivanovic, Alex Tobin (Capt.), John Aloisi. Front: Robbie Slater, Craig Moore, Stan Lazaridis, Craig Foster, Aurelio Vidmar.

Robbie Slater (2): Breaks away from New Zealand wall at a free kick, with Graham Arnold and John Aloisi in support.

Victorian Soccer Federation

PORT MELBOURNE 1
BENTLEIGH GREENS 3

By DWYGHT TUFFNELL

Bentleigh Greens moved up into third position with a three goal second half blitz of Port Melbourne Sharks on Sunday.

Port dominated the first half and George Goutzioulis, who gave the Greens defence a torrid time, hit a post in the 9th minute.

Nine minutes later, Carlo Mason rose above the Bentleigh defence to head in Nick Papadopoulos' free kick.

Dale White, who came on as an early substitute for Juan Nilo, put Bentleigh in front with two goals in the space of six minutes.

The first, in the 52nd minute, came from a Nick Van Egmond ball into the area which White controlled before slotting past Sam Frangos.

The same combination did the damage again in the 58th. Van Egmond's square ball sat nicely for White to round off a swift counter-attack.

Substitute Ike Alagiozidis finished off the scoring eight minutes from time.

Alagiozidis scored from the penalty spot after Port defender Roddy Vargas fould Andrew Charalambous.

Sharks: Frangos, Kyriakopoulos, Latinopoulos, Vargas, Pappas, Mason, Strapelias (Livanopoulos), Tsaltas, Efstathiou (Jackson), Goutzioulis (Daglis), Papadopoulos.

Green : Kourtis, Drakos, Micheil, McDonagh, Constantinou, Theoharous, Crivari, Van Egmond, Papettas (Alagiozidis), Charalmbous, Nilo (White - Kalimeris).

Referee: S.Rastocic

Vote: 3- Goutzioulis (PM), 2- Van Egmond (BG), 1- Theoharous (BG).

BULLEEN INTER KINGS 0
THOMASTOWN ZEBRAS 0

By FRANK CARBONE

Bulleen Inter Kings stumbled to a 0-0 home draw against relegation battlers Thomastown Zebras at the Veneto Club on Sunday.

The draw slips Bulleen down to fourth position on the table whilst the point for the Zebras helps them in their quest to avoid the drop.

Bulleen tested the Zebras early with Eric Hollingsworth heading wide from Robert Stojcevski's free kick.

Seven minutes before half time, Thomastown had a goal disallowed when David Della Rocca was adjudged to have fouled Kings 'keeper Sean Keogh when heading in Tony Lingurovski's flick from David Iacovitti's cross.

Hollingsworth had another good chance in the 66th minute when he blasted over the bar with only Thomastown 'keeper Maurice Raponi to beat.

Kings: Keogh, Valentic (Everetts), Stojcevski, Kuleski, Mazzini, Tartaglia, McAleer, Grbac, Liparoti, Hollingsworth, Guglielmi.

Zebras: Raponi, Boschini, Belic (Bichler), Lazarevski (D.De Propertis), Cuculevski, Gasparini, Lingurovski, D.Della Rocca, Nastevski, Iacovitti, V.De Propertis.

Referee:: H.Anaz

Votes: 3- D.Della Rocca (TZ), 2- Gasparini (TZ), 1- Guglielmi (BK).

SUNSHINE GEORGIES 0
HEIDELBERG UNITED 1

By JOHN RIGAS

Heidelberg United escaped with a 1-0 victory over Sunshine Georgies in a fiery encounter at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

Heidelberg were awarded a penalty after just five minutes when Sunshine defender Darren Byrne knocked Brian MacNicol over. Josip Biskic took the spot kick which sent Steve Wardle the wrong way.

Dragan Jugovic had two oppurtunities to score but fine goalkeeping by Wardle denied the midfielder.

Anthony Cassar produced some magical play in the 33rd minute when he outpaced the Bergers defence.

Only selfish play by Cassar — who should have cut back to Markovski — scuppered what may have been an equaliser.

In the final minute, Heidelberg defender Tom Karapatsos handled the ball inside the penalty area, giving the Georgies a lifeline.

But league leading scorer Markovski had his kick saved by Glenn Clarke.

Georgies: Wardle, Byrne, Branov (Magnacca), De Bono, Kanesoulis, Tsirtsakis, Sevin, Dragicevic (Stojanovski), Markovski, Daglaras (Makris), Cassar.

United: Clarke, Karapatsos, Scott, Tsoumerkas, Hasler, Anastasiou, Tsolakis, Biskic (Alexiou), Sherifovski, Jugovic (Medjedovic), MacNicol.

Referee : R.Benovic

Votes : 3- Scott (HU), 2- Kanesoulis (SG), 1- Anastasiou (HU)

FAWKNER BLUES 2
NORTH GEELONG WARRIOS 0

By GEORGE KOUKERIS

Fawkner Blues recorded a valuable 2-0 victory over relegation threatened North Geelong Warriors at Smith Reserve on Sunday.

Fawkner were the better team in a scoreless first half with Tony Sterjovski and Frank Tramontana causing problems for the Warriors.

Blues left back John Grimaud gave his team the lead fifteen minutes into the second half after receiving a pass from Sterjovski.

Striker Peter Psarros increased Fawkner's lead in the 73rd minute with a right foot shot from close range.

North Geelong had Franc Bot and Ante Deak both missing through suspension and skipper Robert Cosic out with an illness.

The news doesn't get better for the Warriors with striker John Didulica collecting a knee injury that will force him out for the rest of the season.

Blues: Gonzales, Vassiliadis (Di Sauro), Grimaud, Radic, Schipano, Ferla, Tramontana, T.Sterjovski (De Santis), Tricarico (C.Sterjovski), Retre, Psarros.

Warriors: Cagalj, McAuliffe, Ljubicic, Medved, Krajina, O'Sullivan, G.Skoko, Didulica (Stolica), Petrovski, Saric, Trefelko.

Referee: J.Blaney

Votes: 3- T.Sterjovski (FB), 2- Retre (FB), 1- McAuliffe (NG)

GARY HASSLER

Healthy Diet — Try It!

Premier League Rd 23

Saturday July 19

Bentleigh Greens v Green Gully Cavaliers — Kingston Heath Soccer Complex — kick off 3.00pm

Sunday July 20

Heidelberg United v Melton Reds — Olympic Village — kick off 3.00pm

North Geelong Warriors v Sunshine Georgies — Elcho Park — kick off 3.00pm

Preston Lions v Bulleen Inter Kings — Goodyear Stadium — kick off 3.00pm

Thomastown Zebras v St Albans Saints — Partridge Reserve — kick off 3.00pm

Altona Magic v Port Melbourne Sharks — Paisley Park — kick off 3.00pm

Springvale White Eagles v Fawkner Blues — Serbian Centre — kick off 3.00pm

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STATE LEAGUE RESULTS

DIVISION ONE RESULTS
ROUND 17

Doncaster Rovers 6 - Broadmeadows City 1
Richmond 1 - Lalor United 0
Westvale 1 - South Dandenong 0
Springvale City 0 - Western Suburbs 4
Northcote City 1 - Westgate 0
Moorabbin City 2 - Maroondah Arrows 1
Werribee City 2 - Kingston City 2

Table —South Dandenong 40, Westvale 39, Moorabbin City 39, Richmond 38, Western Suburbs 35, Kingston City 31, Springvale City 24, Werribee City 23, Lalor United 18, Northcote City 16, Doncaster Rovers 14, Westgate 10, Maroondah Arrows 10, Broadmeadows City 10.

DIVISION TWO RESULTS
ROUND 17

Frankston Pines 1 - Regent Bulla 0
Essendon Bruns. Royals 2 - Altona City 0
Altona East 0 - Bell Park 1
Mooroolbark 1 - Yarraville/Glen Eira 2
Old Scotch Waverley 1 - Knox City 1
Oakleigh 3 - East Richmond 2
Ringwood City 4 - Frankston Strikers 2

Table — Ringwood City 40, Altona East 38, Oakleigh 38, Frankston Strikers 33, Knox City 25, Yarraville/Glen Eira 24, Altona City 23, Regent Bulla 23, Mooroolbark 20, East Richmond 18, Essendon Bruns. Royal 18, Old Scotch Waverley 15, Frankston Pines 12, Bell Park 5.

DIVISION THREE RESULTS
ROUND 17

South Caulfield 1 - North Coburg United 1
Banyule City 0 - Cranbourne 4
Nunawading City 2 - South Werribee 6
Geelong 4 - Chelsea 1
Melbourne City 1 - Keilor Park 2
Pascoe Vale 1 - Diamond Valley United 4
Fitzroy City 0 - South Springvale 4

Table —Table - Cranbourne 39, South Springvale 38, Geelong 30, Chelsea 29, Melbourne City 25, South Caulfield 21, Pascoe Vale 21, Banyule City 19, North Coburg United 18, South Werribee 17, Keilor Park 17, Fitzroy City 17, Diamond Valley United 15, Nunawading City 5.

DIVISION FOUR RESULTS
ROUND 17

Langwarrin 1 - Stonnington City 1
Seaford United 1 - Keysborough 1
Moreland City 1 - Geelong Rangers 1
Corio 4 - Clifton Hill United 3
Lalor 2 - Monbulk 0
Williamstown 1 - Sandringham City 1
Sunshine Heights 1 - Sunbury United 0

Table — Keysborough 42, Stonnington City 38, Langwarrin 33, Sunshine Heights 31, Williamstown 30, Sandringham City 28, Clifton Hill United 24, Geelong Rangers 24, Moreland City 22, Sunbury United 19, Corio 13, Lalor 12, Seaford United 9, Monbulk 4.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE RESULTS — ROUND 16

Croxton Park 2 - South Wantirna 6
Lyndale United 3 - Brandon Park 2
Mitcham United 0 - North Sunshine Eagles 1
Knox Park 1 - Melton 1
Endeavour United 4 - Springvale Condors 1
Doveton 1 - Glenroy 5
Ballarat 0 - Sunshine Blues 1

Table — South Wantirna 37, Melton 37, Knox Park 37, Croxton Park 34, Lyndale United 30, North Sunshine Eagles 25, Endeavour United 21, Springvale Condors 20, Sunshine Blues 20, Brandon Park 17, Mitcham United 13, Glenroy 12, Ballarat 7, Doveton 1.

DIVISION TWO RESULTS — ROUND 14

Riversdale 1 - Braeside United 0
Keon Park 4 - South Yarra 1
Hoppers Crossing 3 - Meadow Park 1
Brunswick City 3 - Sydenham Park 2
Waverley Wanderers 2 - Berwick City 1
Templestowe Eagles - bye

Table — Riversdale 32, Sydenham Park 25, Keon Park 25, South Yarra 24, Templestowe Eagles 22, Brunswick City 19, Hoppers Crossing 15, Braeside United 10, Meadow Park 10, Berwick City 9, Waverley Wanderers 4.

DIVISION THREE METRO RESULTS — ROUND 14

Monash University 0 - Morwell Pegasus 3
Newborough/Yallourn 5 - Melbourne University 0
Keilor United 1 - Camberwell Grammar 2
Dandenong 4 - Elwood City 0
Uni. of Melb. Blues 1 - Ringwood Rovers 1
Ashburton - bye

Table — Newborough/Yallourn 32, Morwell Pegasus 31, Uni. of Melb. Blues 23, Dandenong 23, Ashburton 20, Monash University 15, Melbourne University 14, Camberwell Grammar 13, Ringwood Rovers 11, Elwood City 8, Keilor United 6.

DIVISON THREE NTH/WEST RESULTS — ROUND 14

Latrobe University 1 - Broadmeadows United 1
Northern United 2 - Somerton City 1
North Reservoir 1 - West Preston 0
North Glenroy 2 - Whittlesea United 1
Mill Park 1 - Brimbank 2
Watsonia Heights 0 - Darebin United 1

Table —Latrobe University 33, Broadmeadows United 30, Darebin United 26, Somerton City 25, Brimbank 23, Northern United 21, Mill Park 17, North Glenroy 16, North Reservoir 14, Watsonia Heights 11, Whittlesea United 9, West Preston 3.

DIVISION THREE STH/EAST RESULTS — ROUND 14

East Kew 0 - Collingwood City 3
Noble Park 2 - Thornbury United 0
Endeavour Hills 3 - Parkmore 1
Monash City 1 - Dingley City 2
Ivanhoe United - bye
Flemington Falcons - bye

Table — Dingley City 33, Noble Park 21, Collingwood City 20, Flemington Falcons 13, Endeavour Hills 13, East Kew 12, Thornbury United 12, Monash City 11, Ivanhoe United 10, Parkmore 7.

"Healthy Diet — Try It" PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Altona Magic	22	11	8	3	38	16	41
Green Gully Cav.	21	11	8	2	36	15	41
Bentleigh Greens	22	11	6	5	61	34	39
Bulleen Inter Kings	22	11	6	5	38	28	39
Preston Lions	22	11	5	6	39	26	38
Springvale W.E.	21	9	6	6	37	32	33
St Albans Saints	22	9	6	7	37	33	33
Heidelberg United	22	9	4	9	35	35	31
Port Melbourne Sh.	22	9	3	10	39	35	30
Sunshine Georgies	22	7	5	10	44	50	26
Fawkner Blues	22	6	6	10	34	43	24
Thomastown Zebras	22	6	4	12	31	38	22
North Geelong Warr.	22	4	4	14	20	52	16
Melton Reds	22	2	3	17	26	78	9

Leading Scorers:

19 – S.Markovski (Sunshine Georgies)
16 – Becvinovski (Altona Magic)
15 – Van Egmond (Bentleigh Greens)
14 – Nilo (Bentleigh Greens) (5 goals for Sunshine Georgies)
11 – Genovesi (Green Gully Cavaliers)
Babic (Green Gully Cavaliers)
Gnjidic (Springvale White Eagles)

SPORTSCENE Leading Votes:

22 – Van Egmond (Bentleigh Greens)
21 – Jolevski (Altona Magic)
17 – Filiposki (Preston Lions))
16 – Svigos (Heidelberg United)
14 – Donev (Preston Lions)
I.Colina (St Albans Saints)

STATE /PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1
ROUND 18

Saturday July 19

South Dandenong v Richmond
Lalor United v Broadmeadows City

Sunday July 20

Kingston City v Moorabbin City
Maroondah Arrows v Northcote City
Westgate v Springvale City
Western Suburbs v Westvale
Doncaster Rovers v Werribee City

DIVISION 2
Saturday July 19

Bell Park v Essendon Bruns. Royals
Altona City v Frankston Pines
Frankston Strikers v Oakleigh
East Richmond v Old Scotch Waverley
Knox City v Mooroolbark
Yarraville/Glen Eira v Altona East
Regent Bulla v Ringwood City

DIVISION 3
Saturday July 19

South Werribee v Banyule City
Cranbourne v South Caulfield
South Springvale v Pascoe Vale
Diamond Valley United v Melbourne City
Keilor Park v Geelong
Chelsea v Nunawading City
North Coburg United v Fitzroy City

DIVISION 4
Saturday July 19

Geelong Rangers v Seaford United
Keysborough v Langwarrin
Sunbury United v Williamstown
Sandringham City v Lalor
Monbulk v Corio
Clifton Hill United v Moreland City
Stonnington City v Sunshine Heights

PROVISIONAL DIVISION 1
ROUND 17

Saturday July 19

Ballarat v Croxton Park
South Wantirna v Doveton
Glenroy v Endeavour United
Springvale Condors v Knox Park
Melton v Mitcham United
North Sunshine Eagles v Lyndale United
Sunshine Blues v Brandon Park

DIVISION 2
ROUND 15

Saturday July 19

Berwick City v Braeside United
Templestowe Eagles v Brunswick City
Sydenham Park v Hoppers Crossing
Meadow Park v Keon Park
South Yarra v Waverley Wanderers

DIVISION 3 METRO
Saturday July 19

Uni. of Melb. Blues v Monash University
Morwell Pegasus v Dandenong
Ashburton v Keilor United
Camberwell Grammar v Newborough/Yallourn
Ringwood Rovers v Melbourne University

DIVISION 3 NTH/WEST
Sunday July 20

Watsonia Heights v Latrobe University
Broadmeadows United v Mill Park
Brimbank v North Glenroy
Whittlesea United v North Reservoir
West Preston v Northern United
Darebin United v Somerton City

DIVISION 3 STH/EAST
Sunday July 20

Dingley City v East Kew
Collingwood City v Endeavour Hills
Parkmore v Flemington Falcons
Thornbury United v Monash City

This week Radio 3AB 'Big Match' match of the day is North Geelong Warriors v Sunshine Georgies. 3AB can be found at 1116 on the AM dial and the program runs from 2.30pm to 5.30pm.

"Healthy Diet — Try It" PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

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Round 22 Results: St Albans Saints 0 – Altona Magic 0 • Fawkner Blues 2 (Psarros, Grimaud) – North Geelong Warriors 0 • Port Melbourne Sharks 1 (Mason) – Bentleigh Greens 3 (White 2, Alagiozidis) • Bulleen Inter Kings 0 – Thomastown Zebras 0 • Melton Reds 1 (K.Simsek) – Preston Lions 7 (Filiposki, Radecki 3, Donev, Emsovski, Ujgunovski) • Sunshine Georgies 0 – Heidelberg United 1 (Biskic)

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Around the Globe

SUKER: A Real Bargain . . .

If Arsenal, Manchester United or any other club were thinking of attracting Croatian striker Davor Suker from Real Madrid, then they will have to bid over $100,000,000! That is the price tag that the Spaniards have placed on him.

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APPARENTLY Croatia Zagreb have made a reputed $3.5 million bid for Derby County's stylish midfielder, Aljosha Asanovic. The Rams understandably rejected the bid as Asanovic made over 30 first team appearances last term. He forms an exciting partnership with Igor Stimac, the captain of the East Midlands club.

Derby will kick off the new seaon in the Premier league at a brand new stadium, Pride Park. Their former stadium, the Baseball Ground, was hemmed in by factories and houses, and its surface was one of the worst in England.

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CHANGE of ownership of clubs is not just a phenomenan of Western Europe. Hajduk Split has a new boss, Tomislav Ivic. He is believed to have paid off about a third of the Club's $12 million debt.

However the City Council of Split are not too happy about the new owner and are trying to raise the finance so that they can take control!

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THE expected move of Mark Viduka out of Croatia Zagreb may not now happen, as he has signed a one year extension on his contract.

Viduka's club have appointed Marijan Vlak as their coach, despite the club 'doing the double' of League and Cup last season.

Vlak has been with the club as a player for 30 years and was in goal when, as Dinamo Zagreb, they won the Yugoslav championship in 1982.

'Golden Boy' of Wales dies

IVOR Allchurch who was known as the 'Golden Boy of Welsh Football' has died in Swansea at the age of 67.

He was a prolific goalscoring forward with Swansea Town, Newcastle United and Cardiff City. During his almost 700 appearances he scored 251 goals.

He was a Welsh international between 1951 and 1966 during which time he gained 68 caps and got his name on the scoresheet on 20 occasions.

His brother Len also played for Wales in 11 games between 1955 and 1964.

Wright slugged heavily

ARSENAL'S hard hitting striker, Ian Wright has been fined $34,000 by the English Football Assocation. He was brought before the Disciplinary Committee for two separate incidents that took place earlier this year.

The fine is one of the heaviest ever imposed on a player for misconduct. He was also warned that he got into trouble again that he would be thrown out of the game for a very long time.

The 33 year old Wright has been in trouble throughout his career for loutish behaviour.

Juninho to Atletico

ATLETICO MADRID were the club who finally captured the signature of Juninho from Middlesbrough. He joined them for a $27 million fee, which is exactly the same as the 'poor' relations of Madrid football paid Juventus for Christian Vieri.

The 'richman's' Madrid club is Real, which was heavily patronised by the former Spanish dictator, General Franco.

Juninho joins Atletico Madrid.

QUEENSLAND SOCCER FEDERATION

XXXX Queensland Cup QUARTER FINAL First Leg

Taringa Rovers	0	Rochedale rovers	0

SEMI PRO LEAGUE CUP SEMI FINALS

Slacks Creek	5	Inala City	4
Towoomba United	2	Mt. Gravatt	1

WESTERN AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Western K	15	11	3	1	55	26	36
Floreat	15	11	3	1	43	16	36
Sorrento	15	10	2	3	29	17	32
Spearwood	15	9	3	3	42	19	30
Fremantle	15	8	4	3	30	8	28
Inglewood	15	6	4	5	33	31	22
Perth SC	15	5	5	5	28	26	20
Joondalup	15	5	4	6	34	32	19
BPanthers	15	5	4	6	28	27	19
Dianella	15	4	4	7	20	28	16
St'ing Mac	15	4	1	10	21	38	13
Swan IC	15	3	1	11	18	47	10
Kingsway	15	2	3	10	19	48	9
Morley W	15	1	1	13	9	6	4

	1st	Res	U18
Stirling Macedonia v Fremantle City	0-2	2-3	1-1
Sorrento v Western Knights	3-2	1-0	6-0
Olympic Kingsway v Swan IC	4-1	1-0	6-1
Spearw'd D'matinac v Floreat Athena	3-6	2-3	1-0
Dianella White Eagles v Joondalup City	1-2	2-3	1-4

UNDER 18s

Joondalup City 36, Sorrento SC 35, Perth SC 33, Bayswater Panthers 32, Kingsway Olympic 30, Stirling Macedonia 23, Spearwood Dalmatinac 23, Floreat Athena 23, Fremantle City 20, Western Knights 16, Dianella White Eagles 16, Inglewood Falcons 14, Swan IC 4, Morley Windmills 0.

FIRST DIVISION

	1st	Res	U18
Wanneroo City v Rockingham City	3-2	2-1	0-3
University v Ashfield Bunbury	2-7	0-3	0-3
Southside Utd v Cockburn Utd	2-1	2-1	3-0
Armadale v Perth City	0-6	3-0	3-5
Leeming Strikers v North Lake	1-4	2-0	0-6
Balga v Queens Park	3-5	0-1	0-11
Balcatta v Stirling Suns	1-2	4-6	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southside United	14	12	1	1	53	17	37
Wanneroo City	14	10	2	2	36	15	32
Bassendean Cal 14	9	4	1	40	14	31	
Rockingham City	14	9	3	2	36	18	30
Ashfield-Bunb	14	8	1	5	59	30	25
Queens Park	14	7	4	3	26	21	25
Cockburn United	14	6	4	3	26	11	22
Perth City	14	6	2	6	29	33	20
Balga SC	14	4	3	7	19	27	15
Armadale Park	13	3	4	6	21	35	13
Leeming Strikers	14	3	3	8	15	32	12
Balcatta	14	2	3	9	12	48	9
Stirling Suns	14	2	2	10	17	31	8
North Lake	14	2	2	10	26	52	8
University	14	1	2	11	15	46	5

Enjoy Coca-Cola FIFA WORLD RANKING

The FIFA world Ranking's have always been a bit of a mystery. The July edition of FIFA NEWS throws some light on the criteria adopted. There are also examples of games earning the most points in the last three years.

This is followed by the Top 20 for June, 1997 and eight selected other countries in which Australia has a potential interest.

Main Criteria:

THE FIFA/Coca Cola World Ranking evaluates all matches played by first national teams, ie.

- World Cup final matches
- World Cup preliminary matches
- Continental championship final matches
- Friendly matches

The calculation of a team's points from any given match is based on the following criteria:

- Winning, drawing and losing
- Number of goals scored or conceded
- Extra points for an away match
- Importance of the match (multiplication factor)
- Regional strength (multiplication factor)

GAMES EARNING THE MOST POINTS 1997:

1-6-97	VIETNAM - TAJIKISTAN	0-4	4.51 WQ
11-6-97	PAKISTAN - KAZAKHSTAN	0-7	4:21 WQ
2-4-97	CZECH REP - YUGOSLAVIA	1-2	4:17 WQ
12-2-97	ECUADOR - URUGUAY	4-0	4:16 WQ
6-4-97	GABON - MOROCCO	0-4	4:15 WQ

GAMES EARNING THE MOST POINTS 1996:

2-6-96	CONGO - COTE d'IVOIRE	2-0	4:45 WQ
8-9-96	CUBA - EL SALVADOR	0-5	4:40 WQ
1-6-96	SUDAN - ZAMBIA	2-0	4:32 WQ
2-6-96	YUGOSLAVIA - MALTA	6-0	4:22 WQ
12-5-96	HAITI - GRENADA	6-1	4:17 WQ

GAMES EARNING THE MOST POINTS 1995:

14-7-95	ARGENTINA - USA	0-3	4:34 CF
27-5-95	CUBA - PUERTO RICO	9-0	4:18 CQ
19-4-95	PERU - CHILE	6-0	4:02 F
16-8-85 CQ	FINLAND - RUSSIA	0-6	3:97
6-7-95	MEXICO - PARAGUAY	1-2	3:94 CF

WQ = World Cup Preliminary
CF = Continental Finals
CQ = Continental Preliminary
F = Friendly

FIFA WORLD RANKING June 97

1 Brazil
2 Germany
3 Spain
4 Denmark
5 France
6 Romania
7 England
8 Russia
9 Italy
10 Netherlands
11 Czech Republic
12 Mexico
13 Colombia
14 Morocco
15 Norway
16 Argentina
17 Japan
18 Zambia
19 South Africa
20 Slovakia
30 Saudi Arabia
33 AUSTRALIA
55 Kuwait
56 Iran
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WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAR

South Australians roll Queensland

South Australia created history last Saturday in successfully taking out the Australian Junior Championship with a convincing 4-0 win over Queensland in the Grand Final.

The victory in Canberra marked the first ever national championship in South Australia's history, and was achieved in impressive style.

Dominating throughout the week's play, SA all but cemented its place in the Final with two days play remaining. Their runaway 6-1 win over defending champions ACT saw them streak ahead to a six point lead, and exacted revenge over ACT, who had denied them the title last year.

ACT's dream of recording, on home soil, a third consecutive title was not to be — going down to Queensland on day two — before the thrashing from SA the next day. The young and more inexperienced Victoria and WA outfits fought hard throughout and showed good promise and competitve spirit.

But it was the solid and consistent Queensland which won the race for second spot and a place in the Final against SA. After a first day match-up with SA ended in a 2-0 loss, Queensland went on to win each of their remaining games.

Top of the ladder SA were obvious favourites for the Saturday Final, but were wary that the job was not finished. Having failed at the final hurdle in 1996, after being in the same situation, SA was not about to let history repeat itself.

Nevertheless, the pressure made for a nervous start against the lively and determined Queensland forward line.

After just ten minutes, the talented Halfpenny set the tone of what was to come. A shot from Morrison could only be parried by the keeper, allowing on-the-spot Halfpenny to slot away the rebound.

Ten minutes later, and SA doubled their lead after pressurising Queensland on the edge of the box. Pint-size midfielder Stacey Stocco offloaded to Halfpenny, who clipped the ball into the far corner of the net, another typical centre forward goal from the sharpshooter.

Queensland fought on and created some breaks of their own. Speedy striker Kate McShea posed the biggest threat and tested South Australia's defence. With half-time in sight, Queensland was unlucky not to pull a goal back, but were denied by Kimberley Morris' brave defence and a good recovery save by goalie Emma Wirkus.

Five minutes after half time in the 40th minute, South Australia's Anna Ruotolo added her name to the scoresheet with a spectacular effort to claim total control of the game. Beating one player, the midfielder showed no hesitation to unleash her strike from 25 metres, beating the keeper at the top right corner.

Midway through the half, a fourth goal for the southerners, and another hattrick for Halfpenny. A break just inside their attacking half ended with the ball at Halfpenny's feet. Forging inside and across the goal leaving two players in her wake, Halfpenny placed the ball inside the far post.

The final whistle, and celebrations for the South Australians fully deserving of the title after finishing the week in style.

SA ITC Coach Kevin McCormack praised his team as a whole after the match.

> *"It's been a solid team performance all week. Today, Kimberley Morris was brilliant at the back, and Jessica, in this her fourth juniors, has really put it all together. Stacey Stocco commanded the midfield, winning tackles and headers despite her size."*

SA's win is certainly an impressive achievement for such a small State, and yet honours at national level have been on the verge of happening for the last two years. Clearly this quantum leap in the State's development is the result of sound policies and hard work.

And the results are not confined to this one age group either. Just the week before, SA's U/14 entry in Canberra's Kanga Cup won the event without a goal conceded.

"These are the girls that just missed out on the U/16s and obviously a lot younger," said McCormack. "So it's looking good for next year too, when I'll be able to slot some of these younger players in."

"We were getting sick of being runners-up," he added, referring to the 1996 Junior Nationals and Kanga Cup, and the 96/97 National League Final.

McCormack's relating of SA's secret to success exudes an air of ambition and enthusiasm. "We have a development program that everyone wants to be involved in. We've got good coaches looking after the players from an early age with good technical ideas. A lot of these girls are playing in our Premier League, so the clubs are also giving them the opportunity."

"And we're pinching athletes from other sports like hockey, basketball and surf lifesaving. For instance, keeper Emma Wirkus is an ex-volleyballer. Very athletic, it has been the perfect move for her. And Rebecca Morrison was an athlete in throwing events. We mix them with 'true' Soccer players who have been playing for years."

In Junior Championships, SA has been beaten only once in its ten games during 1996 and 1997. The year before that, they finished at the bottom of the table, yet that was when the first seeds were sown, as the young side showed themselves to be more than competitive, going down by only one or two goals against all opposition.

National Coach Greg Brown was happy with what was on display through the week's competition. "There were many new faces here which is good to see, and the average age much younger. It's always good to go to these championships as we're always on the lookout for new blood. There's certainly an abundance of talent coming through."

> *"Morrison's background would explain her incredible long throw-in, which reportedly easily reaches the goal area."*

South Australia: Emma Wirkus, Kimberley Morris, Amanda Hewison, Belinda Gawlik, Kandy Panagopoulos, Stacey Stocco, Anna Ruotolo, Erin O'Shea, Heather Coverdale, Jessica Halfpenny, Rebecca Morrison. Subs: Mia Robinson, Sandra Slimani, Sarah Murphy, Tammy Leane, Angie Paspaliaris.

Queensland: Che Kimber, Debra McPherson, Cassie McMinn, Margaret Rodd, Prue Cormie, Kate McShea, Victoria Videla, Alexis Tramacchie, Sarah Chandler, Shona Watson, Sarah Blackwell. Subs: Naomi Lewis, Kate Gleeson, Linda Hartch, Kerryn Biles, Kyle MacKinnon.

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 1997

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION — AWSA

Full Results:

DAY ONE

ACT 3 Vic 1
(Channing 2, Meier) (Maza)
SA 2 QLD 0
(O'Shea, Gawlik)

DAY TWO

SA 5 WA 0
(Halfpenny, Morrison, O'Shea, Ruotolo, Slimani)
QLD 1 ACT 0
(McShea)

DAY THREE

SA 6 ACT 1
(Halfpenny 5)
VIC 3 WA 0
(Maza, Porter, Jansen)

DAY FOUR

QLD 2 WA 1
(Tramacchie, Hartch) (Poulsen)
VIC 0 SA 0

DAY FIVE

QLD 1 VIC 0
(Videla)
ACT 2 WA 0
(Hepperlin, og)

FINAL

SA 4 QLD 0
(Halfpenny 3, Ruotolo)

CHAMPIONSHIP LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SA	4	3	1	0	13	1	10
QLD	4	3	0	1	4	3	9
ACT	4	2	0	2	6	8	6
VIC	4	1	1	2	4	4	4
WA	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

Championship Trophy: South Australia
Association Trophy: South Australia
MVP: Tal Karp (WA)

ALL STAR ELEVEN 1997

GK Emma Wirkus SA
D Peita-Claire Hepperlin ACT
D Kimberley Morris SA
D Victoria Videla QLD
D Bronwyn Carey VIC
M Anna Ruotolo SA
M Tal Karp WA
M Sarah Chandler QLD
M Stacey Stocco SA
F Jessica Halfpenny SA
F Kim Channing ACT

BROWN EXPERIMENTS AGAIN . . .

National Coach Greg Brown has announced the Australian squad to undertake next month's European Tour, again showing his willingness to bring in new faces and recall former internationals on merit.

"This time around, Sunni Hughes and Katrina Boyd are unavailable to tour, which again gives me the chance to look at others," said Brown.

Two players have received their first ever call-up to the senior Australian Team, striker Alicia Ferguson, and US-based keeper Amanda Paterson.

15-year-old Ferguson has impressed in the national league and the Japanese series, and went on to perform well in the US Under 21 match. "Alicia held her own in America, and players like that need the exposure now," said Brown. "It's no good hanging back till she's nineteen, when physically she can cope with it now. And mentally, she's a cool player, and not flustered by the big occasion."

Paterson, the number one custodian for the University of Hawaii, gets her big break despite Brown obviously not having seen her play recently. Having made the College Conference Selection, Brown has received reports of her progress from her American coach. "Amanda has had a great season and her coach gives her big wraps. The goalkeeper position is obviously one which needs to be looked at very closely. Kitching will still go as number one, but I'm keen to look at Amanda too."

Back in the green and gold after a long absence is creative midfielder Julie Murray. The former Australian captain has not been selected since 1995 after the World Cup, and recently has focussed all her attentions on earning another shot at the top. Now back to playing some of her best football, Murray has won that second chance.

"Julie had a very good national league season, and I want to have a good look at her again at international level," said Brown. "She is obviously very experienced and still at an age where she can be at her peak in 2000. Julie has been eager for another opportunity. She may have thought she was on the outer, but we have to make sure everyone knows they are in with a chance."

Fellow World Cup players Anissa Tann-Darby and Traci Bartlett, recalled into the team for the US venture, have the opportunity to consolidate their return with selection for the next tour. "Both players needed to find their feet again coming back onto the international stage. The fact that they steadily improved and were playing strongly by the end of the trip was enough for them to get back in."

After an extended layoff following knee reconstruction surgery are the ACT-based Sarah Cooper and Sascha Wainwright. Their return to the side will help Brown and the team in two ways. "Obviously they are both experienced internationals, plus the positions they play will enable me to look at Casagrande and Revell in more of a striking role."

Defender Bridgette Starr returns after her early return from the US after injuring her knee in the first match on tour. Starr came home rather than risking further injury and fortunately did not require surgery. Six weeks of intensive physiotherapy sees her ready to take the field again.

ACT's Amy Taylor has been rewarded for her promising performances and will also make the tour.

Denmark-based World Cup player Alison Forman is reportedly playing well and will join the Aussies in Europe. Says Brown, "I've only seen Alison on tape, but she is reported to be fully fit and playing regularly."

Australia take on a wide variety of European opposition, with a schedule of eight internationals over the month long tour.

Kim Revell (stripes): In Australian squad.

Sharon Black (white shirt): On way to Europe.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM

EUROPEAN TOUR 1997

Traci Bartlett ACT
Sharon Black SA
Lisa Casagrande ACT/NNSW
Sarah Cooper ACT/NT
Alicia Ferguson QLD
Alison Forman Denmark/NNSW
Sonia Gegenhuber QLD
Belinda Kitching QLD
Julie Murray NSW
Amanda Paterson USA/NSW
Kim Revell QLD
Cheryl Salisbury Japan/WA
Bridgette Starr NNSW
Krysten Swaffer SA
Anissa Tann-Darby NSW
Amy Taylor ACT
Tammie Thorton QLD
Sacha Wainwright ACT
Shelley Youman NNSW

EUROPEAN TOUR

Match Schedule

6 Aug	v	Sweden
9 Aug	v	Hungary
11 Aug	v	Hungary
14 Aug	v	Netherlands
19 Aug	v	Belgium
23 Aug	v	Estonia
26 Aug	v	Finland
31 Aug	v	Norway

South Australian Soccer

By Val Migliaccio

THE DEGIOVANELLO SHOW

Round 15 of the Smokefree Premier League produced a classic when Adelaide Blue Eagles drew with WT Birkalla 1-1.

Birkalla have shown that they have emerged as genuine title favourites and this was evident in an awesome display of power Soccer combined with silky skills.

Blue Eagles coach Zoran Karadzic made some drastic positional changes to help re-establish their customary winning style. Captain Angelo Giannitto played as a central striker with Jack Mantzarapis coming into the starting eleven as his partner. Karadzic positioned himself wide on the left with Donato Dileso used as the sweeper.

For the first ten minutes of the match the Blue Eagles stunned Birkalla with consistent attacking forays.

In the 10th minute Lino Sattin made a great run from defence and supplied a through ball to Mantzarapis on the edge of the box. He got the slightest touch on the ball which managed to fool Birkalla's Daniel Bieze, and the ball trickled into the back of the net for 1-0 to the Blue Eagles.

Two minutes later Birkalla peppered the Blue Eagles goal and from a goalmouth scrimmage Jason Trimboli slotted the ball home.

The Blue Eagles still had the upper hand and in the 15th minute Angelo Giannitto supplied an inch perfect cross to the head of an unmarked Mantzarapis who failed to convert from five metres. Sattin was having a great first half and his input for the Blue Eagles was second to none.

The Blue Eagles were dominating proceedings and 35 minutes in a great one two with Joe Cutillo saw Romeo Tatarelli make space for himself to fire a left foot thunderbolt which cannoned off the crossbar.

Birkalla's coach Charley Villani must of said the right things at half time because Birkalla came out roaring. Time and time again they forced the Blue Eagles out of their rhythm.

Birkalla's Joe Barbaro came close 48 minutes in to scoring after he broke out wide on the right and only the brilliant reflexes of Gino DeLucia stopped a certain goal.

From the resulting corner kick Barbaro headed the ball goalwards and again DeLucia denied the busy striker.

In the 54th minute, Angelo Giannitto found an unmarked Cutillo with a great ball across the box, which unfortunately for the Blue Eagles ended as a goal kick.

Birkalla's Steve De Giovanello began to show why he is highly regarded by Ericsson Cup talent scouts with a brilliant show from midfield. Very creative and always making space to receive the ball, De Giovanello is a trier.

In the 78th minute Tony Giannitto body checked Joe Barbaro just outside th box. From the free kick De Giovanello stepped up and whipped a banana bender in from 18 metres with DeLucia scampering across his line to make one of the most brilliant saves seen in the Premier League.

As Birkalla pressed for the winning goal the Blue Eagles had their chances on the counter attack when substitute Michael DeSiscio blasted a pile driver from 18 metres missing the top corner of the net by centimetres.

Villani's Birkalla will rue the missed chances which cost them a further 2 points but can take heart from having the reigning champions on the ropes for most of the second half. Villani said, "We've got no secrets, we just play it nice and simple and the results are coming our way!".

Karadzic on the ohter hand must be wondering what to do to bring the confidence back to the champions. As finals approach the Blue Eagles are hovering in 4th place and could be in danger of missing out altogether for the first time since the finals format was introduced in 1992.

JURKOVIC'S SEASON OVER

Business is booming and bright now the Smokefree Premier league is shaping up to be one big contest to find the Champion for 1997. The fight for the top 4 has opened up nicely with five clubs really having the ideal opportunity for the title with White City, Port Lion and Salisbury battling for the wooden spoon.

Match of the round goes to Newton Sportsfield when Campbelltown Red Devils — riding high on the back of good solid performances — meet the league's pacesetters Raiders. Their captain, Ivica Jurkovic, will be out for the rest of the season after suffering medial ligament damage.

Approaching 30, Jurkovic is now in his 12th season of top line football and has seen the successful years as well as the ordinary ones. Jurkovic, along with coach Alby Kidd, has added stability to the club which has catapulted them to the top, unchallenged at this stage of the season. He will be sadly missed.

The Red Devils have been bolstered by Michael Brooks on loan from Adelaide City and have new found confidence. Paul Caporaso has finally hit the back of the net with regularity and the form of Paul Beltrame could very well see him offered a new Ericcson Cup contract.

Coach Mario Boffa has worked hard on total team play and the Red Devils have displayed premiership capabilities in the latter half of the season. The sides have met twice this season in the Premier League and the Raiders have the slight advantage with a victory and a draw recorded.

Woodville West Reserve has the Olympian Flames hosting the Salisbury Apaches. The Apaches are on tenterhooks at the foot of the table and they need to string together a couple of victories immediately to hold onto Premier League life.

Bryn Acton has inspired the young Apaches with breathtaking fighting qualities, but this needs to be married with skill. Goals need to be scored and concentration in defence has to be at its best for the Apaches to gain maximum points.

Former U/17 Joey, Scott Carey, has definitely played himself to A-league recognition and the Apaches should take heart from his loyalty and passion.

This game is dangerous for the Olympians as complacency has seen the Flames drop valuable points when needed. Coach Zoran Maricic has the squad depth to win and make head way into the top four, but to be a title contender the Flames must assert their dominance. Scott Morrison and Steve Nalpantidis have starred for the Flames with young Nick Galanopolous emerging as one of their main trump cards.

At Camden Reserve WT Birkalla meet White City Warriors. Birkalla's form has pleasantly surprised the most ardent Soccer fan. Coach Charlie Villani has taken the club from State league champion in 1996, to becoming a major title threat for the Premier League. Greg Mills has played one of his best seasons since his A-league days with West Adelaide, and is like the Rock of Gibraltar in the heart of the defence.

Sam Barbaro's slight frame has been no burden to the spritely striker — he is bagging and creating goals at will. No doubt Simon Dacic will be assigned the task as Barbaro's man marker, thus creating opportunities for Jason Trimboli to pave the way for a Birkalla victory.

At Pirate Park, Port Lion meet an out of form Adelaide Blue Eagles. This match will be a leveller as the Pirates have also struggled in the consistency department.

Blue Eagles have hit rock bottom. The calibre of player wearing the shirt is unquestionable and only they have themselves to blame for their poor performances. The reigning champions have only won twice from their last eight encounters and this will surely test the resources of the Firle club.

Player coach Zoran Karadzic has plenty to think about in ensuring the Blue Eagles can win their midfield battles, taking the pressure off the defence, which has struggled to hold off attacking advances.

Karadzic has not been happy with his current strikeforce as plenty of goalscoring opportunities have been created but the killer punch has been found wanting.

Only the brave will write off the Blue Eagles for another Grand Final appearance and the Pirates might feel the brunt of a wounded champion with a point to prove. Blue Eagles striker Joe Berlingeri will be up against his old club and this could be the catalyst for the match to live up to its high expectations.

OTHER MATCHES

State League

Round 16

Port Pirie v Para Hills at Savoy Park
Cumberland v Seaford at Bailey Reserve
Croydon v West Adelaide at Polonia Reserve
Modbury v Plympton at Golden Grove
Noarlunga v Enfield at Wilf Taylor Reserve
Adelaide City v Elizabeth City at Ramsay Park.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE

Round 15

Salisbury United	0	Campbelltown City	3
Adelaide Blue Eagles	1	West Torrens Birkalla	1
White City Warriors	2	Olympians	1
Raiders	2	Port Adelaide Lion	0

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Raiders	15	10	5	0	34	15	35
Torrens. B	15	9	2	4	35	19	29
C'town C.	15	7	3	5	27	23	24
A.BEagles	15	6	4	5	22	22	22
Olympians	15	6	2	7	21	25	20
White C W	15	4	4	7	18	24	16
P.A. Lion	15	3	3	9	14	25	12
S'bury	15	2	3	10	14	32	9

UNDER 23

Salisbury United	1	Campbelltown City	1
Adelaide Blue Eagles	0	West Torrens Birkalla	1
White City Warriors	2	Olympians	3
Raiders	1	Port Adelaide Lion	2
SA Sport Institute	4	Raiders	0

UNDER 19

Raiders	1	Pt Adelaide Lion	10
White City Warriors	2	Olympians	1
Adelaide Blue Eagles	0	West Torrens Birkalla	1
Salisbury United	3	Campbelltown City	0

STATE LEAGUE

Round 16

Port Pirie City	4	Para Hills Knights	3
Cumberland United	6	Seaford	0
Croydon	8	West Adelaide	0
Noarlunga United	0	Enfield City	1
Nodbury	1	Plympton	3
Adelaide City	0	Elizabeth City	4

Croydon 38, Elizabeth City 37, Cumberland United 37, Port Pirie City 31, Adelaide City 26, Para Hills Knights 24, Modbury 19, Plympton 15, Enfield City 15, West Adelaide 14, Seaford 7, Noarlunga United 7.

UNDER 23

Port Pirie	4	Para Hills Knights	2
Cumberland United	0	Seaford	0
Croydon	0	Adelaide Hills	2
Modbury	4	Plympton	1
Noarlunga United	1	Enfield City	0
Woodville City	2	Elizabeth City	5

UNDER 19

Noarlunga United	2	Enfield City	0
Modbury	1	Plympton	2
Croydon	0	Adelaide Hills	1
Cumberland United	2	Seaford	1
Woodville City	1	Elizabeth City	4

RANGERS KEEN ON PUSHING FORCE

The Homestart FUTSAL League kicks well on into the season and the match of the round this Sunday, July 20, is at Hillcrest Stadium, where North East Rangers have the arduous task of trying to knock Adelaide Force from their perch.

The Force have continued to dazzle and Australian player Spiros Simeonakis still hasn't found a defence good enough to stop his goalscoring. Rangers will employ different tactics this time, using man marking instead of zone as the Force easily lose their zone markers.

Rangers are sitting within reach of the all important second spot, which has the bonus of a double chance for the finals. Clemente Martino has been shining along with Tony Pasquillo. The young Rangers side are slowly adjusting to the pace of the league and it will come as no shock if they can come away with a result against the Force.

Roy Zito has added another dimension to the Force with Adrian Papa the main play maker. His skills are a delight to watch and overall his game has warranted the next step up for the former Blue Eagles stalwart.

At St Ives Recreation Centre, the battle of the Port takes place when the Icebreakers tackle the tough Pirates. The Pirates have one of the most awesome line ups in the league. The Force put them back in their place and now the task for the Pirates to become minor premiers for the inaugural season has become much harder.

The Icebreakers have been fast learners. De Goia and Byrne have had great games and will help the Icebreakers cool down the Pirates. The Pirates could find the hectic Premier League commitments and the FUTSAL season too much, nevertheless, the opportunity to take out their first FUTSAL premiership is still awaiting.

George Haralabakis and Chris Groom should be the difference which will see the Pirates continue to make head way up the table.

At Elizabeth Recreation centre, Northern Warriors host Campbelltown Red Devils.

They have many players who could be gracing the Ericsson Cup in the very near future. Omero Gosti, Michael Pirone and Travis Dodd should be far too good for the Warriors. The experience these players have had at a national level should see them climb the ladder.

The Agius boys have been the best for the Warriors and they too are making good progress to suggest that the best is yet to come.

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SOUTH AMERICA

— Compiled By Mario Etchart —

Chile and Argentina Heading for France 98

Chile and Argentina took giant steps towards their aim of qualifying for the 1998 World Cup Finals after convincing wins against Colombia and Paraguay, respectively, in the South American group.

In Santiago, in front of a capacity crowd at the National Stadium, Chile thrashed Colombia 4-1, with a magnificent performance from striker Marcelo Salas who scored a hat trick.

Marcelo Salas: Hat trick hero for Chile.

Chile played their best game so far in the competition against a Colombian side that couldn't cope with the local pressure throughout the game.

Meanwhile, Argentina, against all odds, beat Paraguay 2-1, in Asuncion, and almost secured a place at France 98. The Argentines are second just one point behind the Paraguayans.

Passarella's team dominated a disappointing home team who were without their suspended star goalkeeper, Jose Luis Chilavert. The Paraguayans were unable to repeat their form of previous matches.

In other games, Ecuador just managed a 1-1 away draw with Venezuela, while Peru defeated Bolivia, in Lima, by 2 goals to 1 and is in third place.They have the same number of points as Chile but with a worse goal difference.

Claudio Lopez: One of the victorious Argentines — looks puzzled.

World Cup South America zone

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paraguay	11	7	2	2	16	8	23
Argentina	12	6	4	2	18	11	22
Colombia	12	5	3	4	17	14	18
Chile	11	4	4	3	22	14	16
Peru	12	4	4	4	13	15	16
Ecuador	12	4	3	5	16	14	16
Bolivia	11	3	5	3	16	12	14
Uruguay	11	4	2	5	11	15	14
Venezuela	12	0	3	9	8	34	3

Next Round — Sunday July 20, 1997

Buenos Aires: ARGENTINA v VENEZUELA; La Paz: BOLIVIA v URUGUAY; Santiago: CHILE v PARAGUAY; Barranquilla: COLOMBIA v ECUADOR.

CHILE 4 COLOMBIA 1

Played: National Stadium, Santiago, Chile
Crowd: 70,000
Referee: P. Borgosano (Venezuela).

CHILE: Nelson Tapia; Ronald Fuentes, Cristian Castaneda, Javier Margas, Miguel Ponce; Luis Musrri, Clarence Acuna, Victor Castaneda (Fernando Cornejo 86), Marcelo Vega (Esteban Valencia 75), Ivan Zamorano, Marcelo Salas.
Coach: Nelson Acosta.
COLOMBIA: Faryd Mondragon; Alexis Mendoza, Jose Santa, Jorge Bermudez, Antonio Moreno (Hugo Galeano 73), Harold Lozano, Leonel Alvarez (Neider Morantes 46), Wilmer Cabrera, Carlos Valderrama, Juan Pablo Angel (Hamilton Ricard 46), Faustino Asprilla.
Coach: Hector Gomez.

GOALS: Chile: Marcelo Salas (16,26,41), Ivan Zamorano (90 penalty). Columbia: Hamilton Ricard (52).
YELLOW CARDS: Chile: Acuna, Margas, C, Castadena. Columbia: Santa, Cabrera, Lozano.
MAN OF THE MATCH: Salas.

PARAGUAY 1 ARGENTINA 2

Played: Defensores del Chaco Stadium, Asuncion, Paraguay.
Crowd: 35,000
Referee: M. Rezende (Brazil)

PARAGUAY: Ruben Diaz; Celso Ayala, Carlos Gamarra, Ricardo Rojas, Francisco Esteche (Derlis Soto 46); Juan Ramon Jara, Estanislao Struway (Ferreira 56), Julio Enciso (Alcaraz 77), Roberto Acuna; Aristides Rojas, Jose Cardozo.
Coach: Paulo Carpegiani.
ARGENTINA: Carlos Roa; Hernan Diaz, Roberto Sensini, Roberto Ayala, Jose Chamot; Juan Veron (Javier Zanetti 51), Matias Almeyda, Diego Simeone, Marcelo Gallardo (Pablo Paz 88); Hernan Crespo (Sergio Berti 78), Claudio Lopez.
Coach: Daniel Passarella.

GOALS: Paraguay: Roberto Acuna (59 penalty). Argentina: Marcelo Gallardo (30), Juan Sebastian Veron (41).
YELLOW CARDS: Paraguay: Jara, Enciso. Argentina: Almeyda, Diaz.
RED CARD: Argentina: Hernan Diaz (86).
MAN OF THE MATCH: Veron (Argentina).

PERU 2 BOLIVIA 1

Played: National Stadium, Lima, Peru.
Crowd: 40,000
Referee: Wilson de Souza Mendoca (Brazil).

PERU: Julio Balerio, Jorge Soto, Jose Soto, Juan Reynoso, Percy Olivares; Eddie Carazas (Roger Serrano 65), Jose Luis Carranza (Juan Carlos Bazalar 80), Juan Jayo, Pablo Zegarra; German Carty, Flavio Maestri (Julio Rivera 71).
Coach: Juan Oblitas.
BOLIVIA: Carlos Trucco; Sergio Castillo, Juan Pena, Marco Sandy, Oscar Sanchez; Luis Cristaldo, Julio Baldivieso, Erwin Sanchez, Jàime Moreno (Lindber Gutierrez 75), Vladimir Soria; Marco Etcheverry.
Coach: Antonio Lopez.

GOALS: Peru: German Carty (7), Jorge Soto (51). Bolivia: Luis Cristaldo (55).
YELLOW CARDS: Peru: Carranza, Olivares. Bolivia: Sandy, Pena.
RED CARD: Bolivia: Vladimir Soria (79).
Man of the match: Zegarra (Peru).

VENEZUELA 1 ECUADOR 1

Played: Jose Encarnacion Romero Stadium, Maracaibo, Venezuela.
Crowd: 9,000.
Referee: Arturo Angeles (USA).

VENEZUELA: Rafael Dudamel; David McIntosh, Alexander Echenique, Jose Rey, Jose Vallenilla; Leonardo Gonzalez, Gabriel Urdaneta (Elvis Martinez 89), Gerson Diaz (Gabriel Miranda 55), Robert Rodallega; Giovanni Savarese, Rubert Moran (Rafael Castellin 55).
Coach: Eduardo Borrero.
ECUADOR: Giovanni Ibarra; Juan Burbano, Ivan Hurtado, Edmundo Mendez, Alberto Montano; Jimmy Blandon, Hector Carabali (Eduardo Smith 75), Jose Gavica (Gilson de Souza 71), Alex Aguinaga; Ariel Graziani, Edurado Hurtado.
Coach: Francisco Maturana.

GOALS: Venezuela: Gabriel Miranda (77). Ecuador: Ivan Hurtado (54).
YELLOW CARDS: Venezuela: Vallenilla, Echenique. Ecuador: Hurtado (Ecuador).
MAN OF THE MATCH: Aguinaga (Ecuador).

Leading Scorers

10 goals: Ivan Zamorano (Chile)

6 goals: Marcelo Salas (Chile), Faustino Asprilla (Colombia).

5 goals: Roberto Palacios (Peru), Alex Aguinaga (Ecuador).

3 goals: Eduardo Hurtado (Ecuador), Ariel Ortega (Argentina), Marco Sandy (Bolivia), Aristides Rojas (Paraguay).

2 goals: Gabriel Batistuta, Diego Simeone, Hernan Crespo (Argentina); Julio Cesar Baldivieso, Jaime Moreno, Marco Etcheverry (Bolivia); Javier Margas (Chile); Jose Pereda, Juan Reynoso (Peru); Hamilton Ricard, Jorge Bermudez (Colombia); Derlis Solo, Catalino Rivarola, Miguel Angel benitez (Paraguay); Agustin Delgado (Ecuador); Paolo Montero, Marcelo Otero (Uruguay); Giovanni Savarese (Venezuela).

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP

PENAROL BEAT ARCH RIVALS

Uruguayan champion Penarol beat arch-rival Nacional, 2-1, in a game for the South American Supercup, played at Montevideo's historic Centenario Stadium, in front of 55,000 spectators.

Defender Aguirregaray and midfielder De los Santos scored for Penarol while striker Washington Rodriguez pulled one back for Nacional.

Next Thursday and Sunday, Vasco Da Gama of Brazil will face Penarol and Nacional, respectively, in Montevideo. The first two, of the three team elimination round, will qualify for the Super Cup second round.

PROBLEMS FOR URUGUAYAN COACH

The problems for the new Uruguayan coach, legendary goalkeeper Roque Gaston Maspoli, are increasing with the loss of several players, among them midfielder Nelson Abeijon, who has been trasferred from Nacional of Uruguay to Spanish club Racing of Santander.

Juventus star defender Paolo Montero and midfielder Gustavo Poyet from English Premier League club Chelsea, won't be available for the South American World Cup qualifying round match against Bolivia, in La Paz, on Sunday, July 20.

Montero is injured, while Poyet, recently trasferred from Spanish Club Zaragoza to Chelsea is unlikely to be released by his new club for the match.

The other players in doubt are veteran goalkeeper Fernando Alvez, midfielders Pablo Bengoechea, Gonzalo de Los Santos, Marcelo Romero and striker Luis Romero, all with Uruguayan champion Penarol.

Maspoli, who will be 80 years old come September, when Uruguay faces Argentina in the qualifying rounds, was the goalkeeper of the 1950 Uruguayan World Cup winning side who beat Brazil, 2-1, at Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

Meanwhile, Bolivia will be without its captain and midfielder Vladimir Soria, suspended for one match. He was sent off during the game against Peru, in Lima.

Weird & Wonderful 1926-27

By STUART JONES

Huddersfield's reign was finally over as Newcastle United finished five points clear of the first triple champions in 1927. Just three dropped points at home, scoring 64 goals as St James Park, in just 21 games, was the key to the Magpies' success, with neighbours Sunderland finishing third.

At the bottom, Leeds and WBA finished on thirty points with the latter finishing last with a lesser goal percentage.

Division Two champions were Middlesbrough. They were eight points clear of second placed Portsmouth. 'Pompey', who only gained that spot on goal percentage over Manchester City. In fact, City had scored 21 more goals than the Hampshire side. Chelsea were a win behind both sides, meanwhile, Darlington and Bradford City were relegated from Division Two.

Coventry was transferred to Division Three South but success did not follow and champions of that section were Bristol City.

Plymouth Argyle completed their sixth successive season in the runners-up position. In the Third Division North, both relegated sides from the previous season, Stoke and Stockport, contributed to make the division stronger. Stoke had more success through the season and were crowned champions five points clear of Rochdale.

Barrow finished bottom in the North and Welsh club Aberdare Athletic were bottom in the South.

The FA Cup was also to involve Welsh clubs in a big way. Swansea and Cardiff made the final eight with City progressing to the final four along with Arsenal, Reading and Southampton (the latter two coming from the second division).

The semis finished Arsenal 2 Southampton 1; Cardiff 3 Reading 0. So it was to be Wales v England in the Final, with, ironically, a Welshman in goal for Arsenal.

In front of 91,206, one of the most famous finals was played. 70 minutes in and Ferguson drove the ball hard at goal, the ball dribbled away from the keeper, however, his attempt to grab the ball a second time sent it trickling over his own goal-line.

Thus the Welsh took the FA Cup off English soil for the first time, something not even the great Scottish clubs of the previous century were able to do.

The Southern League was to be dominated by a reserve side in the Eastern section once again. Brighton Reserves jumped two places to finish champions by three points over Peterborough and Fletton United.

With five players having played in the Football League the side from the south coast only lost five games and scored 86 goals in 32 games. Torquay finished champions of the Western section on goal average over Bristol City Reserves.

Torquay lost 4-0 in the Southern League play-off, thus Brighton Reserves were Southern League winner. However, Torquay would console themselves with the fact that they replaced Aberdare in the Football League the following season.

At the bottom there were some very poor results. In the West, Mid Rhondda United gained only 9 points in 26 games. In the East, Folkstone came last conceding 98 goals in 32 games. Amazingly they were behind Guildford United who, in the same number of games, conceded an horrific106! (Both sides scored a mere 57 goals).

Rangers regained the title from Celtic in Scotland's Division One. Motherwell finished five points behind the Gers with Celtic a place and two points behind the Wells.

The battle was closer for relegation with Dundee United going down along with Morton, who had finished behind newly promoted Dunfermline on goal average. On the last day Morton were two points clear of them, and a point clear of Clyde, the other promoted team from the previous season. Dunfermline won away at Hearts 2-1 on that final drama packed day and Clyde won 2-0 away to send Morton down.

Bo'ness were champions of Division Two finishing well ahead of Raith Rovers. With the disbandment of Division Three there was no threat of the drop at the bottom of the second flight, and Nithsdale were very pleased about that as they finished bottom nine points behind Arbroath and Dumbarton.

However, they would not play League football again.

In the Scottish Cup, Rangers again failed this time in the fourth round. Their conquerors were Falkirk, who then were drawn against Celtic in the semi-finals. Celtic won by the odd goal and they were to face the victor of East Fife and Partick Thistle.

The second division side upset Partick 2-1 to win the right to play at Hampden Park in the Final.

Of course things went to script as Celtic won 3-1 to complete another sweep of the major Scottish trophies by Glasgow clubs. And so ended another hard fought year in British football.

AROUND EUROPE THE CHAMPIONS WERE:

AUSTRIA :	ADMIRA WIEN (CUP – SK RAPID WIEN)
BELGIUM :	CERCLE BRUGGE (CUP – CERCLE BRUGGE)
BULGARIA :	NO CHAMPIONS
GERMANY :	IFC NURNBERG
HOLLAND :	HEARCLES ALMELO (CUP – VUC DEN HAAG)
ITALY :	FBC TORINO
POLAND :	WISLA KRAKOW
ROMANIA :	CHINEZUL TIMISOARA
SPAIN :	REAL UNION DE IRUN (WINNERS OF COPA DEL REY)
SWEDEN :	GAIS GOTEBORG
SWITZERLAND :	GRASSHOPPER CLUB ZURICH

English League – DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle Utd	42	19	1	1	64	20	6	5	10	32	38	56
Huddersfield T	42	13	6	2	41	19	4	11	6	35	41	51
Sunderland	42	15	3	3	70	28	6	4	11	28	42	49
Bolton W	42	15	5	1	54	19	4	5	12	30	43	48
Burnley	42	15	4	2	55	30	4	5	12	36	50	47
West Ham Utd	42	9	6	6	50	36	10	2	9	36	34	46
Leicester C	42	13	4	4	58	33	4	8	9	27	37	46
Sheffield Utd	42	12	6	3	46	33	5	4	12	28	53	44
Liverpool	42	13	4	4	47	27	5	3	13	22	34	43
Aston Villa	42	11	4	6	51	34	7	3	11	30	49	43
Arsenal	42	12	5	4	47	30	5	4	12	30	56	43
Derby County	42	14	4	3	60	28	3	3	15	26	45	41
Tottenham H	42	11	4	6	48	33	5	5	11	28	45	41
Cardiff City	42	12	3	6	31	17	4	6	11	24	48	41
Manchester Utd	42	9	8	4	29	19	4	6	11	23	45	40
Sheffield Wed	42	15	3	3	49	29	0	6	15	26	63	39
Birmingham C	42	13	3	5	36	17	4	1	16	28	56	38
Blackburn R	42	9	5	7	40	40	6	3	12	37	56	38
Bury	42	8	5	8	43	38	4	7	10	25	39	36
Everton	42	10	6	5	35	30	2	4	15	29	60	34
Leeds Utd	42	9	7	5	43	31	2	1	18	26	57	30
West Brom Alb	42	10	4	7	47	33	1	4	16	18	53	30

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	42	18	2	1	78	23	9	6	6	44	37	62
Portsmouth	42	14	4	3	58	17	9	4	8	29	32	54
Manchester City	42	15	3	3	65	23	7	7	7	43	38	54
Chelsea	42	13	7	1	40	17	7	5	9	22	35	52
Notts Forest	42	14	6	1	57	23	4	8	9	23	32	50
Preston NE	42	14	4	3	54	29	6	5	10	20	43	49
Hull City	42	13	4	4	43	19	7	3	11	20	33	47
Port Vale	42	11	6	4	50	26	5	7	9	38	52	45
Blackpool	42	13	5	3	65	28	5	3	13	30	54	44
Oldham Ath	42	12	3	6	50	37	7	3	11	24	47	44
Barnsley	42	13	5	3	56	23	4	4	13	32	64	43
Swansea City	42	13	5	3	44	21	3	6	12	24	51	43
Southampton	42	9	8	4	35	22	6	4	11	25	40	42
Reading	42	14	1	6	47	20	2	7	12	17	52	40
Wolver Wand	42	10	4	7	54	30	4	3	14	19	45	35
Notts County	42	11	4	6	45	24	4	1	16	25	72	35
Grimsby Town	42	6	7	8	39	39	5	5	11	35	52	34
Fulham	42	11	4	6	39	31	2	4	15	19	61	34
Sth Shields	42	10	8	3	49	25	1	3	17	22	71	33
Clapton O	42	9	3	9	37	35	3	4	14	23	61	31
Darlington	42	10	3	8	53	42	2	3	16	26	56	30
Bradford City	42	6	4	11	30	28	1	5	15	20	60	23

ENGLISH DIVISION 3 North

Stoke 63, Rochdale 58, Bradford 55, Halifax Town 53, Nelson 51, Stockport County 49*, Chesterfield 47, Doncaster Rovers 47, Tranmere Rovers 46, New Brighton 46, Lincoln City 42, Southport 39, Wrexham 38, Walsall 38, Crewe Alexandra 37, Ashington 36, Hartlepools Utd 34, Wigan Borough 32, Rotherham Utd 32, Durham C 30, Ashington 27, Barrow 22.

*Stockport deducted 2 points for fielding an ineligible player.

English Division 3 South

Bristol City 62, Plymouth Argyle 60, Millwall 56, Brighton and Hove Albion 53, Swindon Town 51, Crystal Palace 45, Bournemouth 44, Luton Town 44, Newport County 44, Bristol Rovers 41, Brentford 40, Exeter City 40, Charlton Athletic 40, QPR 39, Coventry City 37, Norwich City 35, Merthyr Tydfil 35, Northampton Town 35, Southend United 34, Gillingham 32, Watford 32, Aberdare 25.

EASTERN SECTION Southern League

Brighton & Hove Albion Res 48, Peterborough & Fletton United 45, Portsmouth Res 44, Kettering Town 40, Millwall Res 37, Bournemouth Res 34, Norwich City Res 33, Dartford 33, Reading Res 32, Luton Town Res 31, Leicester City Res 29, Watford Res 28, Southampton Res 26, Poole 24, Gray's Thurrock United 23, Guildford United 19, Folkestone 18.

WESTERN SECTION Southern League

Torquay United 38, Bristol City Res 38, Plymouth Argyle Res 34, Ebbw Vale 30, Bristol Rovers Res 28, Swindon Town Res 27, Barry 26, Exeter City Res 26, Weymouth Res 26, Newport County Res 24, Bath City 23, Yeovil & Petters United 23, Taunton United 12, Mid Rhondda United 9.

Scottish Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	38	23	10	5	85	41	56
Motherwell	38	23	5	10	81	52	51
Celtic	38	21	7	10	101	55	49
Airdrie	38	18	9	11	97	64	45
Dundee	38	17	9	12	77	51	43
Falkirk	38	16	10	12	77	60	42
Cow'beath	38	18	6	14	74	60	42
Aberdeen	38	13	14	11	73	72	40
Hibernian	38	16	7	15	62	71	39
St Mirren	38	16	5	17	78	76	37
Partick Th	38	15	6	17	89	74	36
Queens Park	38	15	6	17	74	84	36
Hearts	38	12	11	15	65	64	35
St Johnstone	38	13	9	16	55	69	35
Ham Ac	38	13	9	16	60	85	35
K'marnock	38	12	8	18	54	71	32
Clyde	38	10	9	19	54	85	29
Df'ine A	38	10	8	20	53	85	28
Morton	38	12	4	22	56	101	28
Dund Utd	38	7	8	23	56	101	22

Scottish Division 2

Bo'ness 56, Raith Rovers 49, Clydebank 45, Third Lanark 44, East Stirling 44, East Fife 41, Arthurlie 41, Ayr United 41, Forfar Athletic 37, Stenhousemuir 36, Queen of the South 36, Kings Park 35, St Bernard's 34, Alloa Athletic 34, Armadale 34, Albion Rovers 33, Bathgate 33, Dumbarton 32, Arbroath 32, Nithsdale 23.

UK STORIES

— with MICKY BROCK

Kick off Just Weeks Away

Plenty of action taking place now that pre-season training is getting underway and managers want to fine tune the sides before the big kick-off, a mere three weeks or so away now!

INCE A SCOUSER?

The Liverpool saga of Paul Ince seems to be coming to its natural conclusion with both parties now close to accepting terms. In addition, Danny Murphy has joined the side and is one to watch for.

Tottenham had an offer of $22m accepted by Middlesbrough for Brazilian magician Juninho. Middlesbrough allowed Spurs to thrash out the personal terms with the player but it would now seem he has opted to go to Atletico Madrid for around $25m (apparently the Spanish league is shown in Brazil and he feels it will help him with his national team aspirations).

YOUNG SOCCEROOS ON THE MOVE?

Mark Robertson, Marconi Fairfield and Young Socceroo, is having trials at Nottingham Forest along with Con Blatsis. Could there be some more 'Aussies' playing in the UK next season?

Tony Yeboah, Leeds United, has stated he will quit soccer if he doesn't get 'clear the air talks' with manager George Graham. Unfortunately for the player who made such an impact when coming into the Premier League, he has suffered badly with injury and loss of form. The worst thing that could happen is if he decides to take on Graham. There can be only one winner and it won't be anyone on the pitch.

Probably the silliest excuse for not turning up for pre-season training, Sasa Curcic of Aston Villa. He forgot to re-new his visa when visiting Spain and is now stuck there until the problem is sorted out.

Chelsea have bought out the contract of Tore Andre Flo from his previous club and he will now start the term as a Chelsea player. The figure paid has not been disclosed at this time.

Roy Hodgson, formerly manager of Switzerland and in the Serie A last season, looks likely to sign Martin Dahlin for his Blackburn Rovers side. The $6m rated player should not be a surprise as he was a highly-rated youngster by Hodgson when manager of Malmo, in Sweden.

Two more players not returned for pre-season training at present are Celtic pair George Cadete and Poalo Di Canio. Cadete has sent a message to say he is suffering family problems while Di Canio is just suffering. For some strange reason, he believes his illness will clear quicker by staying in his tropical hideaway rather than by returning to sunny Glasgow.....

Paul Ince: San Siro to Anfield?

Better news for Forest fans, the supposed loss of Colin Cooper to a Premiership club hasn't transpired and he will remain at the City Ground. After much speculation to the hordes deserting Forest after being relegated last term to the first division, it just hasn't happened and watch out for a quick return to the top flight.

According to the late mail, four players at Coventry; Filan, Richardson, Burrows and Ndlovu have refused new contracts and they have walked out on the club.

PAOLO DI CANIO — A SICK PUPPY?

Sheffield Wednesday have stated they are not interested in chasing Cadete from Celtic, however, they have said they might be interested in Di Canio (if he ever recovers from illness of course?).

Norwich have signed Iwan Roberts from Wolverhampton Wanderers for a fee of $2m, equalling the club record fee paid for John Newsome. Roberts is looking for regular first team football and should fit in well with the style of play adopted by the Canaries.

Paul Stewart, formerly Spurs, Liverpool and Man City, has joined Stoke City on a 'free' from present club Sunderland. New Potters manager, Chic Bates, is delighted to have a player of Stewart's experience at the club and rumours of Dutchman Dick Schrueder signing on abound.

David Hopkin, Crystal Palace, is a very sought after player these days and is in a tug-of-war between Leeds United and Sheffield Wednesday. United bid $6m for the player and Wednesday countered with an offer of $7m. However, inside sources say Hopkin is not for sale and have knocked back the two clubs as he is "happy to stay at Selhurst Park".

KING KEV TO STAY AT THE PALACE

Kevin Muscat will also remain with Palace for the coming season and he believes Hopkin will stay too. This is great news for the south east London side as they attempt to consolidate their position in the top flight after being newly promoted via the play-offs.

Chris Waddle has signed a three-year contract with Burnley as their new player-manager. Waddle has never made any secret of the fact that he wants to go into management when finally hanging up the boots. The former manager, Adrian Heath, is reportedly the new No.2 at Everton.

More news on the clubs in the coming weeks as we look at the (mis)fortunes of the teams in our annual preview of England and Scotland.

ALLY MCCOIST: SCOTLAND'S MR SHOWBIZ

Speaking with Craig Moore recently, what a great display he put on for the Socceroos, and the subject turned to team-mate Ally McCoist, who is now one of the team captains on the English television show 'A Question of Sport'. McCoist is one of the biggest jokers you would be likely to meet and is totally adored by the Rangers fans. This wasn't always the case though. When, in younger days, he had to opportunity to join the current 'nine in a row' champions of Scotland, he turned them down and moved instead to Sunderland. This didn't please the fans and when the move south didn't work out, Rangers picked him up for a knock down price. In his initial couple of seasons with the club, he didn't perform to anything like the standard he has since shown, although during this period he had a succession of strike partners and managers. It wasn't until he netted the winner against Celtic in a cup final that he was at last accepted by the fans and went on to achieve the cult status he now enjoys. Moore's view is that McCoist will easily take up a position in television when he retires but don't expect him to take it too seriously.

Having seen McCoist in action on 'A Question of Sport', the series was attempted over here by a certain TV Company but it failed miserably, not only does he have the larrikin about him, he knows a thing or two as well. The question remains, is this his last year on the pitch or will he go around again? We wish him well.

SHACK ATTACK!

As requested, here is some information on Len Shackleton. He played for Bradford Park Avenue, Newcastle and Sunderland between 1946-1957. He was nicknamed 'the Clown Prince' of football but a little known fact is that he started his career as an amateur with Arsenal. His transfers to Newcastle and Sunderland actually broke the, then, transfer fee records and he went on to play five times for England. Upon retirement through injury in 1957, he became a journalist, after which he moved to Grange-over-Sands in Cumbria, a most beautiful part of the English mainland, where he still lives today.

Frans Thijssen, the former Dutch maestro at Ipswich Town and Nottingham Forest between 1978-1983, went on to play for Fortuna Sittard, FC Groningen and Vitesse Arnhem. He was still employed at Vitesse as the full-time coach when last heard of. Incidentally, he won a UEFA Cup medal with Ipswich in 1981.

Team-mate Arnold Muhren, Ipswich and Manchester United 1978-1984, also won a UEFA Cup medal with Ipswich and on returning to Holland after a happy six-years in England, settled in Volendam. These days he is employed by a Dutch football magazine that trains youngsters and still turns out for the ex-Ajax and ex-Holland football teams. (Any further enquiries about players are welcomed, please address them to: PO Box 56, Kingsway West, NSW 2208. This will enable sufficient time to answer enquiries).

ABERDEEN, THE MANURE MEN?

Aberdeen play at 'Pittodrie' but the word actually means 'place of manure' as befits an area originally used as a dung-heap by the local Police horses. However, they were the first to have an 'all-seater' stadium in the UK in 1980.

Speaking of manure, Wrexham's Racecourse Ground is the only league ground to have its capacity determined by the number of toilets available?

Many people complained when the Socceroo match with New Zealand was postponed until the next day because of poor weather but what about this: From December 22, 1962, foul weather prevented ANY league football to be played in England for nearly FOUR MONTHS!

Ally McCoist: Is a natural media performer.

ABSW news in BRIEF

Noticed a billboard, or advertising hoarding, at Seven Hills Station the other day, well you could hardly miss it, in the most prominent position possible, it reads: 'Why Western Sydney Hospitals are Overcrowded', then there is a picture of blokes scrambling after a ball and at the bottom right 'Penrith Panthers'.

Trying to work out the meaning was difficult but it seems to imply that playing the game portrayed, presumably rugby league, increases the number of people in hospital!

It might mean if you go to Penrith Panthers club then you'll finish up in hospital.

On the other hand it might have been put there as anti-rugby league propaganda!

You make up your own mind.

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HARRY BINGHAM called from Toowoomba on Wednesday. He is Regional Director of Coaching for that area of Queensland and works closely with the local University.

Raul Blanco is taking the Olympic Squad to the Garden City from July 28 for four days. They will be making use of the excellent facilities available at the University of Queensland. The visit is part of the policy of taking the Olympic athletes to country centres to engender more interest and publicity.

Yes, the players are already training under the full-time regime of Blanco. It will be interesting to see how Hayden Foxe, Danny Milosevic, Harry Kewell, Nick Rizzo, Chris Coyne, Lucas Neill, Andrew McDermot and whoever else can be catered for. All of the above players are eligible for the 2000 Olympics but are playing overseas.

Blanco's boys will be playing a challenge match at Athletic Oval, Toowoomba, against a Queensland selection on Wednesday, July 30. WIN TV, the local papers plus Darling Downs radio stations are expected to give the visit plenty of coverage.

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INCIDENTALLY, Norway have already been checking out USQ and Toowoomba for their training headquarters in 2000.

Brazil have already booked the AIS in Canberra.

We'd better ensure that there are suitable facilities marked down for the Aussies!

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CARLTON have made yet another potentially quality signing, This time it's Daniel Allsopp. Obviously with other players and close season signings there was no place for him with South Melbourne.

Daniel Allsopp

Allsopp was an integral member of the recent Young Socceroo squad but was mainly used a substitute.

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ADELAIDE CITY fans who have been rubbing their hands together in the anticipation of seeing Damian Mori once more in the club's famous black and white stripes, should quell their excitement.

Damian Mori

Despite his less than auspicious season in Germany with Borussia Moenchengladbach, he is now on the shopping list of some English clubs.

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TRADE links between Australia and countries overseas also enhanced by complementary arrangements involving regional governments and State. One such involves South Australia and a part of China.

In early June, Quindao Etsong Hiniu, a Chinese national league club, visited Adelaide to play the Sharks. The West Adelaide team returned the favour last week, travelling over for one game. See page 19 for further details.

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IT'S surprising just what is on the Internet. West Bromwich Albion have a whole host of offerings. Twelve at the moment. There's 'WBA News', 'The 1996/97 Season', and 95/96 plus a page all ready for the new one. You can find out about 'WBA Shares' and so on.

The address is: HTTP://WWW.gold.net/users/CP78/. From there comes the information that the 'Baggies' have the honour of being the first visitors to Gresty Road, home of Crewe Alexandra, in Division One.

Crewe have never risen so high before confining all their league football playing history to Division 3 North, Division 4 and the current Division 3, prior to the new season.

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GLEN JOHNSON was born in Tasmania. He showed a great deal of soccer talent and eventually signed for Blacktown City Demons in the NSW Super League following a spell with St George.

Johnson had itchy feet and tried his luck in Malaysia. Last English season he played some games for Cardiff City in Division 3 before transferring to Bury in Division 2.

Bury won Division 2 without losing a game at home. In fact they only dropped five points at home and ended up with a remarkable goals difference of 32. They planted 39 goals in their visitors goals while only conceding 7.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of 'Johnno' give us a call, he could have an interesting story to tell.

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SEEMS like the Over 35 competition at Marrickville Soccer Club is going well and attracting new recruits.

The club, whose colours are red and white, is 51 years old. They play at Mackie Park in the same inner Sydney suburb which houses the offices of ABSW.

Participants, many in their 50s, enjoy Saturday games.

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AT the other end of the scale are some youngsters who received graduation certificates from 'Goal 2002' the other day.

Most of them, both boys and girls, had attended sessions run by Dez Martin for the previous 18 weeks. Remarkably the early morning start, twice a week, was 6:30am. Just for that they deserved an award.

The devotion of their parents should be noted, as they had to ensure the students, who ranged from 8-15, were up, transported and ready to kick off sometimes half an hour before the sun had risen.

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MACARTHUR Districts located in the Campbelltown area, south west of Sydney are setting their sights high. They are looking for Level 3 coaches to take each of three positions.

The First Grade coach will be in charge of their NSW Super League side. Another Level 3 person is being sought for the Association Development Officers position.

If you are the kind of person who can be in charge of fellow coaches and you have Level 3 and you want to continue with a team, then there is a place for you at Macarthur.

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YOU couldn't miss the Socceroo supporters at Parramatta Stadium the other Sunday night in florescent green and yellow all-over outfits, including head cover. These suits must have been made for use in laboratories to eliminate contamination of items or conversely of the wearers.

MACARTHUR RAMS

The occupiers of these suits travelled from Newcastle and not only made a colourful, but noisy, and supportive statement.

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THAT piece of play by Mark Bosnich which enabled Graham Arnold to score was as brilliant a move as you could wish to see.

The exuberant, well spoken Bosnich dribbled the ball out of the penalty area for 20 metres or so. He hit a nicely weighted pass right into the New Zealand penalty area, on target for the goal.

Was he in fact trying to add another one to his successful strike against Solomon Islands? After all it did have enough height to bounce high when it cleared the two defenders.

Mark Bosnich

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SEEMS like Marcus Stergiopoulos has left Gippsland Falcons and joined Carlton.

Frank Arok is going to be left with a skeleton squad. The two Fijian brothers, Esala and Manoa Masi, have teamed up with Brisbane Strikers. Alex Djuric and Steve Mangos are now in China playing as full-time professionals.

Eddie Krncevic has also left the Falcons after one season back in Australia. He will be a new coach in the Ericsson Cup with Carlton.

As part of an overseas trip Arok is looking for players to re-inforce his depleted ranks.

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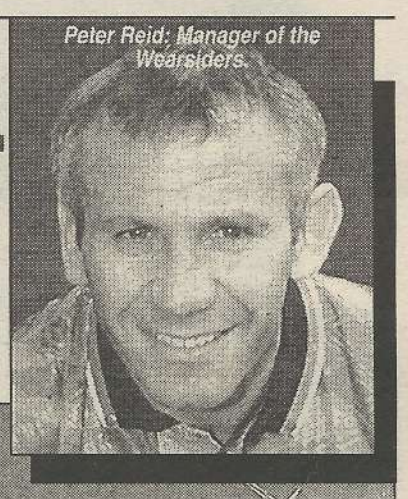
ROKER ROAR NO MORE?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By AIDAN ORMOND, with acknowledgements to Sport Business Magazine

For any readers not familiar with the 'Roker Roar' it would be very difficult to adequately describe its affect on the soul, not in print anyway. All that can be said is that it made the hair on the back of your neck stand on end, as if the entire world was galavanised, albeit for a short time, as one powerful force, able to inspire and enliven.

I should know, having grown up in Sunderland, a major part of my childhood was spent standing on the terraces with my father at the Roker End (the family end) and, as I became older, on my own at the Fulwell End (with the supporters my disapproving Mum called "common as muck"!). Yet they could sing and lift the red and whites like nothing on earth.

The 'Roar' was a response of true supporters. It would usually come, not when the team were doing well — like some clubs — rather when they needed it most , that is, when Sunderland were down (sadly, for the most part this was a regular occurrence).

If you've ever been part of a large group of fans singing in unison (Welsh Rugby union supporters will tell you, as will those at Wembley for England), you will know its uplifting affect. I am not so one eyed enough to believe that Sunderland is the only club with "the best supporters", most clubs have such support, but I believe the 'Roker Roar' was special. Even opposing players would note its intensity.

On a recent trip to Old Trafford, ABSW's Micky Brock noted his disappointment at the 'lack of atmosphere', yet this could never be said of the Rokerites.

Working class struggle and toil needs an avenue to express itself, something to look forward to, some excitement and passion to ameliorate the hard life of a cold ship building town. Despite its crumbling appearance, Roker Park was such a place and the team were 'life' for their supporters.

Nevertheless, life is change. The North-East of England is no longer full of those 'provincial' Geordies, lacking the style, and climate, of the 'beautiful south'. Newcastle United are making a concerted effort to become one of Europe's biggest football organisations, with stock exchange floats, upgraded stadium and a sumptious array of exotic players.

Middlesbrough replaced their decrepit Ayresome Park with a beautiful all-seater set up, and had the audacious vision to add Brazilian spice to the mix.

Now Sunderland will start life in England's First Division with a modern stadium. Located at Monkwearmouth colliery, the project is worth $24 million and is being undertaken by Ballast Wiltshier, the UK arm of the Dutch building giant, Ballast Nedam.

It will be christened with a friendly in 15 days time, July 30, against glamour Dutch team Ajax.

Alistair Balls, chief executive of Tyne and Wear Development Authority, claims the authority has invested nearly $5 million in the project. The work to turn the disused underground coal mine into a safe site for construction has been achieved in record time.

Despite this, there have been protests from local residents, who have formed the Monkwearmouth Action Group, in response to perceived car parking problems in the area.

Even the original site, next to the Nissan factory, was scuppered after Nissan complained, rather ironically, about the 'extra traffic it would bring to the area'.

Another hiccup arose when an article in a newspaper claimed the site at Monkwearmouth, with its landform playing surface, was unsafe due to 'subsidence'.

Nevertheless, the club is forging ahead. A float on the Stock Exchange has being mooted, and as chairman of Sunderland Football Club, Bob Murray stated, "The club will never have a better opportunity to close the gap on North-East rivals Newcastle and Middlesbrough."

The club's sponsors, Vaux Breweries, are also behind the new project, saying they were proud to be a part of the 'regeneration of the area'.

For many, the new stadium will be an impressive way to move the club into the new millennium, to give it a stronger economic base and before long yet another term in the Premier League.

For those like me, it gives pause. It closes a happy childhood chapter, a distant memory made more so by living on the other side of the world. The Roker Roar; will it ever be the same?

Sunderland's Monkwearmouth stadium under construction.

BLACKTOWN CITY, 1997

TOP: DEAN HARDING, JAY ANDERSON, STUART CLEARY, GORAN VULIC, STEVE HICKMAN. MIDDLE: JOE McCAFFREY (Manager), STEVE CUTLER, DAMIEN FOXE, FERNANDO GRECO, DAVID MORGANS, STEVE BERRY, FERNANDO DRAKOS, BOB DALEY. (Coach)
BOTTOM: JEFF SUZUR, GLENN GEPPERT, DAMON LANGAN, SCOTT ASHTON, JEFF DOYLE, IVO DeJESUS, SARKIS BOUDAHER.

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